

Petitioner submission of 13 October 2022

PE1947/B: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence

I have enclosed a link to an article in today's Daily Record newspaper.

The article is about a horrific attack on a school girl called Abbie and is self-explanatory.

I am in contact with Abbie's mother and I am quoted in this article.

Abbie is a perfect example of the consequences of going soft on youth violence.

The Scottish Government seems to believe, and I accept they might be genuinely misguided, that they are protecting the youth by reducing their contact with the justice system, by reducing their contacts with Courts and the possibility of custodial sentences.

But in reality, who is protecting the victims of youth violence, victims like Abbie.

The youth need to learn about consequences and deterrents or they will simply become adults without fear of consequences and deterrents.

Without consequences and deterrents there is chaos.

Who's protecting the youth from the youth.

I would be obliged if the Committee could consider this.

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/autistic-girl-glasgow-attack-park-28192095>