

PE1756/L

Petitioner submission of 29 October 2020

I agree with the contents of both submissions and would like to thank the two organisations for their submissions.

One comment I would like to put before the committee is the perceived problems caused by the Data Protection legislation. Many older people have regular visits from home carers whether it be Local Authority or other organisations providing the service. They often see the pressures/abuse/mental stress caused by non-residents and others on their clients. It is seen by these organisations that it would be a breach of the individuals rights if they did not first get permission from the "abused person" to report such incidents.

Consideration in any legislation should look at ways in which help can be sought for the victims without their initial agreement. Worth considering maybe an example from Child Protection where a Protection order with or without removal from a house could be put in place to ensure support can be provided for the victim.