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Billie Fletcher submission of 4 January 2020

I have been severely affected by the issues raised by the petitioner, and feel that the scope of the request should be widened to include all who are subject to multiple disadvantage. The framework for assessing risk of homelessness would be a useful benchmark to use.

Too many times vulnerable people are prosecuted by people in positions of trust for the distress these people have caused.

I'm certain, although I haven't checked, that the Scottish Independent Inquiry into CSA has found repeatedly that any child or adult who tried to raise concerns about the abuse was not believed and punished for raising these genuine concerns.

A framework for raising concerns and which helps victims of criminality obtain justice and not be left destitute is desperately needed.

As a homeless rough sleeper I am well aware of the vast amount of psychological "nudging" towards criminality there is directed at homeless people. Some individuals working in this sector are aware but understandably scared to say anything.

The Adult Protection framework for homeless people both with and without learning difficulties is not fit for purpose and can result in retaliatory actions towards the adult at risk. I have seen multiple cases of retaliation by services towards homeless people who are victims of severe neglect by services. I unfortunately am one of those victims.

I am aware that this email covers areas not specified in the original petition but people don't live in isolated policy bubbles everyone's life intersects policy areas.