



Save Violence Against Women Services Pledge

Violence against women and children is widespread in society and includes child sexual abuse, domestic abuse, rape, sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation.

The experience and impact of violence upon women and children constitutes a serious violation of human rights. The provision of specialist services to women and children experiencing violence is crucial.

The Scottish Government has provided vital and much needed support over the past decade to help sustain and develop support services such as rape crisis centres and women's aid groups. This support has taken the form of ring fenced funding specifically for violence against women services.

This ring fenced funding has led to a significant improvement in the services for women across Scotland. The Rape Crisis Specific Fund has provided £50,000 per rape crisis centre per year to guarantee a basic level of service and has also funded the creation of 5 new rape crisis centres. The support available for children experiencing domestic abuse has been greatly improved by the Children's Services Fund which has funded more than 100 children's workers who have provided services to over 2500 children and young people last year. The Violence Against Women Fund has funded a range of vital support services across the country

If these funds do not continue, the impact on women and children across Scotland will be severe.

I support the protection of vital support services for women and children experiencing violence.

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