



Care Leavers' Association Draft Policy Statement on Abuse in Care

The Care Leavers' Association notes that: -

- The physical and sexual abuse of children in care was widespread in the child care system of past decades.
- Abuse continues to occur in the modern care system.
- Much of the abuse that took place in the care system in past decades was not uncovered or dealt with by the various abuse investigations that took place in the 1990s.
- The major long-term harm of child abuse within the care system.

We seek to: -

1. Remove the legal time limits that prevent care leavers from pursuing adequate redress.
2. Persuade the government to involve care leavers in both the training of social workers about abuse in the care system and in the monitoring and inspection of the care system
3. Persuade the government to set up a Royal Commission to investigate past abuse in the care system.
4. Persuade the UK government to follow the lead of other governments and apologise to those abused in care.
5. Support those individuals and organisations who are actively engaged in challenging past and present abuse within the care system.
6. Persuade the government to provide sufficient resources to the police to properly investigate past and present abuse within the care system.