Victims let down by poor crime-recording

Today’s report, released by the HMIC, shows a massive amount of under-recording of crimes by the police. An estimated 1 in 5 crimes reported are not recorded. You can read the full report at the link below.

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Don’t forget, that we don’t just rely on police figures to know the nature and extent of victimisations – we have the Crime Survey for England and Wales too, which is not affected by these sorts of recording issues.

New laws being introduced to ensure victim rights

Important new developments for victims of crime have been announced. These address existing shortcomings, bringing us into line with the EU Directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime.

A bold new vision for the treatment of victims – Press releases – GOV.UK.
Police Telling Crime Victims To Investigate Offences Themselves, HMIC Reports

You can see the full report here


Victimisation in prisons – is it being ignored?

There has been a lot of interest in recent months about the rights of prisoners, and in particular the high rates of violence, bullying and suicide. Here’s one opinion piece, but it’s worth keeping on top of this debate as it develops.

Chris Grayling presides over a prison service in crisis – and we’ll pay the price | Eric Allison | Society | The Guardian.

BBC News – Derek Grant jailed
for killing son’s mugger in Greenock

This is an interesting case of the victim-offender overlap, and how you might find technological advances have potential to be misused

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Child sexual exploitation in Rotherham: full report

In August 2014, an Independent Inquiry was published into serious failures linked with the abuse of more than 1400 children in Rotherham (in Yorkshire, UK). Unsurprisingly, this attracted a lot of media attention. You can read the full report here, and make your own mind up about the mistakes and lessons learned: http://t.co/3pfrBpiuCH

Pay particular attention to instances of victim blaming and authority failings.