

## **Bereavement and Dying Resources: Victim support and legal matters**

### **Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)**

[www.cps.gov.uk](http://www.cps.gov.uk)

CPS is an independent prosecution service that prosecutes and provides fair, objective, and independent justice for criminal cases that have been investigated by police and other investigative organisations in England and Wales. Their website also provides guides, resources, and information for victims and witnesses of crime navigating the criminal justice system.

### **GOV.UK Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme guidance**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-injuries-compensation-scheme-2012](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-injuries-compensation-scheme-2012)

GOV.UK's published guidance of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme. A guide to criminal injuries compensation is also available: [www.gov.uk/guidance/criminal-injuries-compensation-a-guide](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/criminal-injuries-compensation-a-guide)

### **GOV.UK Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales ('Victims' Code)**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime)

The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales ('Victims' Code) and supporting documents and materials. These documents set out the rights and the minimum standard of treatment for victims of crime, including guidance and information for victims about their rights and access to available services.

### **GOV.UK Victim Contact Scheme (VCS) Policy Framework guidance**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/victim-contact-scheme-policy-framework](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/victim-contact-scheme-policy-framework)

The Ministry of Justice and HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS)'s Victim Contact Scheme (VCS) Policy Framework guidance. This framework sets out and defines the mandatory actions and guidance which HMPPS must complete for all victims eligible for services under the VCS.

### **GOV.UK Victim Witness Care Unit guidance**

[www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-witness-care-unit-vwcu](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-witness-care-unit-vwcu)

The Ministry of Defence Victim Witness Care Unit (VWCU) guidance. Provides information, support, and guidance for victims and witnesses of serious crime who are navigating the Service Justice System.

### **INQUEST**

[www.inquest.org.uk](http://www.inquest.org.uk)

INQUEST is an independent charity that provides free and independent expertise, advice, information, and casework support for state-related deaths and their investigation to bereaved people, lawyers, agencies, the media, and parliamentarians with aims of providing social justice. INQUEST has also published The INQUEST handbook, a resource that provides information and knowledge for bereaved families going through an inquest.

## **GOV.UK Legislation for the Coroners and Justice Act 2009**

[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/contents)

### **Victim's Commissioner**

[victimscommissioner.org.uk](http://victimscommissioner.org.uk)

The Victim's Commissioner works with the government, criminal justice, and support agencies to promote and advocate for the interests, rights, and treatment of victims and witnesses of crime in the justice system. Provides information, resources and support for victims navigating the justice system.

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