

PE2025/H: Improve the support available to victims of domestic violence, who have been forced to flee their home

Petitioner written submission, 30 July 2024

Thank you for sharing the response from the Minister for Victims and Community Safety received for the above petition.

I welcome the news that there is still work being done with regards to new legislation and hope this is brought into practice ASAP.

I also understand the reasons behind current practice regarding Non-Harassment Order's, i.e. those which are implemented through criminal courts. It would be helpful if victims knew how to request an extension to such orders.

Apologies if my next point has no place in this petition. It dawned on me whilst reviewing the responses that my original application included a question on why charges are reduced/dropped without consultation with the victim. For example, my sister's aggressor was originally investigated for attempted murder as well as his other offences; but he was only charged with abduction, assault to injury, breach of the peace and breach of bail conditions (he had already been arrested and bailed for threatening her life).

Thanks once again for considering our concerns and working to ensure the safety of my sister and others.