

Families failed by the Probation Service launch campaign for reform at Parliament Square

Today, and every day one in three people will die at the hands of a supervised and known offender. Public protection is clearly NOT a priority.

VOICE (Victims Oversight in Criminal Enforcement), is a national campaign group comprising of families devastated by the sudden, unprovoked and tragic deaths of their loved ones at the hands of offenders given community sentences, and/or already identified by police and probation as a risk to communities.

Many families remain searching for answers from a probation service that should be held accountable for failing them. VOICE is calling for an independent investigation into probation service failings following their tragic losses.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, VOICE has uncovered alarming evidence regarding a Government experiment to privatise the Probation Service. The agency involved was entrusted with the supervision of offenders, often and within our communities.

Despite the abandonment of the Government's 'Transforming Rehabilitation' project, the full extent of systemic failures and the suppression of information has yet to be revealed.

VOICE believes it is imperative that truth comes to light and accountability is given, to ensure that such tragedies do not happen again.

Joining VOICE at Parliament Square, London today (25 June 2025, 1pm) will be Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, Kanishka Naryan MP for Vale of Glamorgan and Elsie Blundell MP for Heywood and Middleton North.

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, said: "I am honoured to endorse VOICE, an organisation that exemplifies dedication to transparency, accountability, and the support of victims' families within the criminal justice system. VOICE's unwavering commitment to advocating for the rights of victims and their families of these tragic and preventable murders is both profoundly commendable and crucial.



Nadine Marshall, Co-founder and Chairperson of VOICE, whose 18 year old son Conner was murdered by a known offender in 2015, said: "Our loved ones deserved better protection from violent offenders, and the failures of the Probation Service have left us heartbroken and without answers. We call on the Government to act now - to listen to our stories, and to ensure true public safety through an Independent Panel Investigation."

VOICE is committed to advocating for the rights and safety of victims and their families. Families must be given statutory and timely access to details and information surrounding the death of a family member. Currently this is not the case.

We urge the public and media to support our call for accountability and change within the criminal justice system.

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