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Families call for Probation Service Reform and a Victims' Code to be enshrined in law

Conner Marshall suffered a brutal death at the hands of a known violent offender who at the time was 'under supervision' by the Probation Service. Conner was only 18 years-old.

The supervision order was not initially disclosed to Conner's family and since then they have faced a long and arduous journey looking for answers.

Nadine Marshall said: "We felt angry and hurt beyond words when we found out that Conner's killer was known to probation and should have been under strict supervision.

"Over the last 10 years we have struggled to get information of any kind relating to Conner's case. When we have done, documents were redacted, leaving us questioning the legitimacy and moral compass of the Probation Service. Offenders' rights seem to come first."

Knowing that Conner's death could have been avoided is beyond unbearable for his family, who are calling for an overhaul of the Probation Service, an apology and a Victims' Code to be enshrined in law.

Conner's family are not alone in their campaign for justice. There are many like them who have also lost loved ones to murder at the hands of offenders who were 'under supervision'.

Nadine Marshall, continued: "As a group we have been let down by the justice system in the worst way imaginable.

"My son was let down by the justice system - as were the sons and daughters of families like ours who mourn their loss every day.

"We want answers, an apology, a review and complete overhaul of a Probation Service that is not currently fit for purpose.

"Lives are being lost because of their incompetence. If that is not a strong enough reason for an overhaul of the system, then I don't know what is."

Rhys ab Owen MS, who initiated a petition to have this heard in Westminster, said: "To suffer the loss of someone you love in these circumstances is truly heart-breaking.

"I am in awe of the strength and resolve of the families involved who are fighting for justice, and they have my full support.

"The probation service needs to be properly resourced and be far more transparent and accountable. When things go wrong lessons must be learnt and stopped from happening again."

The campaign group is calling on the Government to:

1. Formally apologise to the families of those killed by individuals under the supervision of the Probation Service
2. Commission a review into the Probation Service
3. Enshrine the Victims Code of Practice in law
4. Reform the Probation Service based on the review

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