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Crime at any level can affect victims in many ways - emotionally, financially, practically and physically. If you have been affected by a crime committed by a young person, this leaflet will tell you how to get helpful information and support.

In addition, the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration gives victims information about how the Hearings System works. This information will tell you about:

- The role of the Children's Reporter;
- The role of the Children's Hearings System;
- The role of members of the Children's Panel;
- The possible decisions that may be made about young people involved in offending; and
- The actual decision taken about the offence that was committed against you.

*If you have been a victim of youth crime, we would encourage you to get in touch with our Victim Information Service.*

We will give you this information unless you tell us that you do not want it. If you do not want this information, please contact the person named in the letter that you received with this leaflet.



If you want to ask about this leaflet, or about any letter that you have received from the Children's Reporter, you can speak to someone in the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration called a Victim Information Coordinator. The phone number for your regional Victim Information Coordinator will be stated on the letter that you received with this leaflet. Or, you can contact the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration at our Head Office on 01786 459500 who will put you in contact with your local Coordinator.

## Emotional and practical support

Your local Victim Support service may also be able to provide:


- Practical help after the crime;
- Someone to listen to your concerns and talk to you confidentially; and
- Guidance about the support that is available from other agencies.

You can contact them by phoning their helpline number 0845 603 9213 Monday to Thursday 9am - 4.30pm and Friday 9am - 4pm. They will tell you about the service nearest to you. Or, the details of your local Victim Support service will be in the phone book.

For more information, please visit:

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

[www.crimeandyoungpeople.net](http://www.crimeandyoungpeople.net)



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