

PE1596/P

Petitioner submission of 2 May 2017

I must acknowledge and thank the Scottish Government that there have been improvements as regards their support for the above mentioned service - *however this has not yet been agreed with formally.*

Please refer to my previous response

[PE1596/M: Petitioner Letter of 22 December 2016 \(55KB pdf\)](#)

I appeal to the Scottish Government to continue consideration of PE1596 on the grounds that there are still some issues I am uncomfortable with. My paramount concern is that survivors and their counsellors whom they have grown to trust over the past number of years continue in those relationships; this will help survivors in their journey.

The continued media coverage of child abuse in our society has proved again that services such as ICSSS must be there for them, they must have sincere and genuine support from counsellors who can give them the support they desperately need.

May I ask, has anyone in the Scottish Government / Parliament asked survivors from the ICSSS what they need, have they consulted with them about some of the changes there are now in place and in the future?

I have attended many meetings over the past number of years and time and again I have heard professionals say, "*survivor engagement, survivor lead*" among others. Can the Scottish Parliament / Government give me evidence that the engagement they refer to with survivors (ICSSS) has happened when decisions about their future health has been discussed?