



One Parent's Story

My daughter is nineteen. She became a prostitute at the age of 16. Her pimp was her first boyfriend, who she met when she was fourteen-and-a-half. He introduced her to crack-cocaine and heroin. She supports both these habits by shoplifting, mugging, prostitution, and most recently cheque book/credit card fraud. She had a baby by her boyfriend at 16. The baby was taken into care and subsequently adopted

When I collect clothes which need to be washed from my daughter I handle everything with gloves. Quite regularly I find condoms, crack pipes and needles floating around in my washing machine.

I work in the centre of a town where the men who work for my company regularly see my daughter working on the street on their way to work each day.

The humiliation is unbearable.

My daughter and her pimp/boyfriend live with his mother in a one-bedroom warden- controlled, old person's property. They are both injecting addicts, and both HIV positive. What would you do if this were your daughter? Who would you turn to for help?

I do not think my daughter will live to come out of this situation. I fear that any change in the law will be too late for her. It feels as if I am watching my daughter die in front of my eyes, and I am completely helpless.

It is fact. I live daily with the fear that I could be a phone-call away from her death.

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