

# **BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY VICTIM SUPPORT & WITNESS SERVICE**

Have you been the victim or witness of a crime? Maybe you have to attend court to give evidence?

The Bailiwick of Guernsey Victim Support and Witness Service is an independent, voluntary organisation that works alongside, but independently of, the Criminal Justice System.

Our services are free and confidential.

Victim Support offers emotional support, practical help and information to victims or witnesses of crime, their partners, families and friends, whether or not the crime has been reported and regardless of when it occurred. Staff and volunteers are specially trained to help people cope with the effects of crime, listen while people talk through their feelings and reactions to the crime and try to help each victim find the way that best suits them to overcome those effects.

We also manage the Witness Service, providing guidance and support for all witnesses before, during and after attending the Court to give evidence. We offer pre-trial visits to the court where the court procedure will be explained and we will answer any questions and hopefully allay any concerns that witnesses may have about the process. We have a totally self contained Witness Suite in which to wait with one of our volunteers on the day of the trial. The volunteer is able to accompany a witness into the courtroom when called to give evidence if required. We can also advise witnesses of the outcome of the trial.

Victims and witnesses and their families and friends will have the very best service provided to them by our staff and volunteers

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