

I would like to convey my concerns regarding children being forced to spend unsupervised visits with parents that have a violent history and who are known to be drug users and who abuse alcohol.

I have great concern for a relative that has to attend visits when the father requests a visit. He does not always want to see the child but when he demands by law the child who is has to go.

I would like to see random drug testing that is supervised by the courts made mandatory where there has been a history. This child has had to have overnight stays when the father has been sharing rental accommodation .

I would like to see the rights of the child be valued and to override the rights of parents. It seems there are not enough resources, money or willingness to protect these children. I think we should err on the side of caution where there has been a history of violence and prevent these children from being exposed to violence, abuse or even death. I think that if the cases were revisited of the children who died during contact visits, some of these deaths may have been preventable.

I believe as a society we are failing miserably on so many levels to protect children and therefore failing in our duty of care.