

advocates have specialist victims' training before becoming involved in serious sexual offences cases. We have set up an independent statutory inquiry into child sexual abuse, and will make sure it can challenge institutions and individuals without fear or favour, and get to the truth. And we will continue the urgent work of overhauling how our police, social services and other agencies work together to protect vulnerable children, especially from the kind of organised grooming and sexual exploitation that has come to light in Rotherham, and other towns and cities across the UK.

We will toughen sentencing and use new technology to protect the public

We will continue to reform the way we rehabilitate prisoners. We will deploy new technology to monitor offenders in the community and to bring persistent offenders to justice more quickly. A new semi-custodial sentence will be introduced for prolific criminals, allowing for a short, sharp spell in custody to change behaviour. To tackle those cases where judges get it wrong, we will extend the scope of the Unduly Lenient Scheme, so a wider range of sentences can be challenged. We will review the legislation governing hate crimes, including the case for extending the scope of the law to cover crimes committed against people on the basis of disability, sexual

orientation or transgender identity. We will improve the treatment of women offenders, exploring how new technology may enable more women with young children to serve their sentence in the community.

We will reform human rights law and our legal system

We have stopped prisoners from having the vote, and have deported suspected terrorists such as Abu Qatada, despite all the problems created by Labour's human rights laws. The next Conservative Government will scrap the Human Rights Act, and introduce a British Bill of Rights. This will break the formal link between British courts and the European Court of Human Rights, and make our own Supreme Court the ultimate arbiter of human rights matters in the UK. We will continue the £375 million modernisation of our courts system, reducing delay and frustration for the public. And we will continue to review our legal aid systems, so they can continue to provide access to justice in an efficient way.

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