



Case study: Families after murder

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I am a midwife and mother of two sons, James and Jordan. After the Murder of James, I set up the organisation, Families After Murder (FAM) with the aim of helping other families deal with the additional pressures and pain of losing someone in the most horrific of circumstances – Murder. I often describe it as ‘Grief’ with the volume turned up. I am also involved in educating the general community and professionals about the needs of people affected by Murder and aim to improve communication between all parties that come into contact with families after murder, thus promoting understanding.

The aims of Families against Murder:

Support

Families against murder are a small organisation and who offer a counselling service but this does not mean we cannot support you. They can advise you on a range of practical issues you may face following the murder of a loved one. Such as:

- Registering the death
- Donating organs
- Funerals
- Telling Government / Statutory agencies about the death



- Redirecting post
- Dealing with the property of the person who has been murdered
- Role of the family liaison officer
- Dealing with the media
- The post mortem
- the trial
- Aftermath

TASKS:

- Describe the ways Families against murder can help support loved ones in the aftermath of a murder
- Explain how families against murder tries to educate the public

Education

Many families experience feeling powerless when faced with navigating the criminal justice world. Families After Murder will work to change this and improve things for the future. A fundamental aspect of Scottish law is "Fairness to the accused" and whilst this is crucial sadly the balance has tipped against the victims, FAM will work tirelessly to redress the balance

Reform

In our short life we have been consulted on the new victims and witness bill, spoken to children about the consequences of knife crime in schools across Glasgow, (which is ongoing work), we continue to support the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV).