



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – FRIDAY 18 JUNE 2021

Rape review

[The Guardian](#) (print & online) – The Guardian reports on the Bar Council’s reaction to the government’s rape review which has acknowledged the depth of systematic failures in the criminal justice system.

The Guardian quotes **Derek Sweeting QC, Chair of the Bar**. He said: “The investigation and prosecution of allegations of rape has been crying out for reform ... but without better funding for every part of the criminal justice system which deals with these cases, the government’s ambitious action plan will fail.

“Barristers both prosecute and defend these cases, so we see all sides of the challenge in providing access to justice through a critically under-resourced criminal justice system. The Bar Council will continue to engage with government on this issue. In return, the government needs to deliver the resources to make good on its promises.”

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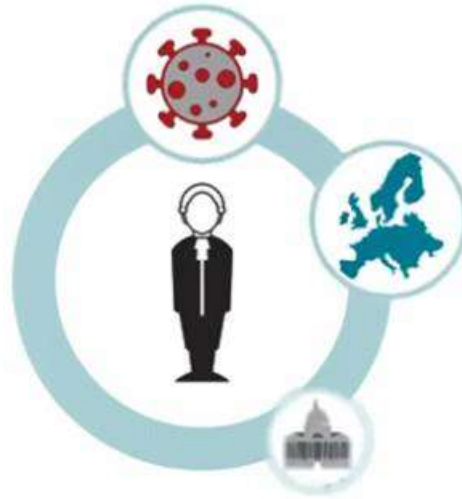
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