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If it sounds like you or your family could benefit from this service please contact Claire McKenna directly on the numbers below for more information.

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SCOPE (Supporting Children & Siblings of Prisoners Everyday) is a service that provides support to children (aged 0-18) living in the Greater Belfast area, who have a parent or sibling currently in prison.



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SCOPE will provide one to one emotional and practical support to children and young people to help them with any difficulties they are experiencing, for example;

- Adjusting to the imprisonment
- Struggling to manage difficult thoughts and feelings
- Struggling to maintain contact with a family member in prison
- Feeling socially isolated from the community.

One to one sessions will allow children to talk openly about their thoughts & feelings with regards to the imprisonment, as well as understand more about the custody process and what it means to have a family member in prison.

If appropriate, our worker can also support parents/ carers to explain the imprisonment to children and support children to write letters & build confidence to make phone calls or go on prison visits.

In addition:

- Family sessions may be important to help strengthen communication and relationships in the home.
- Onward referrals can be made to other support services or local clubs.
- Advice, guidance or information sessions can be provided to other agencies, such as schools, to help them better support children.

"A better understanding of what its like for people in prison" – Young Person

"I like getting help to write letters to my Daddy"
– Young Person

"A friendly face, reassurance & non-judgemental" – Parent

