

# And where were the children's parents?

asks one of our readers [This is the story](#) of one girl, whose parents tried to do their best for her.

Her parents, who quickly found out about him (the first abuser), were horrified and told the police – who weren't interested.

Before long, he had started alienating Woodhouse from her family – for example, by saying her father only disapproved because he was racist ...

Her family, meanwhile, were getting desperate. When she was missing, which was often, her father would go out with her picture, taking it around hotels and B&Bs, trying to find her.

Her family applied to social services to have her taken into care, thinking she would be safer if she was looked after by the authorities. They were mistaken. If anything it was easier for him.

... Someone also set fire to the flat she later lived in, and she says he had people watching her all the time. Her family were terrorised – her parents had to move, and so did her grandmother.

[the link and read the whole story](#) not just my short highlights to this report

## **Rotherham dads were arrested after tracking down abusers**

Prof Jay's inquiry said police often treated victims with 'contempt', frequently arresting them while taking no action against those committing offences. Her report said: "In two of the cases, fathers tracked down their daughters and tried to remove them from houses where they were being abused, only to be arrested themselves when police were called to the scene."

*This is just a quick search of the many news stories. Plenty of the girls had decent parents – that so many of them had the courage to come forward and give evidence eventually after being so abused and traumatised is tribute to their parents continuing love.*

*And for the girls who didn't have decent parents, two wrongs don't make a right.*