

TIP OF AN ICEBERG

Senior barristers warn Liam Allan's case is not 'an isolated incident' saying cops may be 'unconsciously biased'

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SENIOR barristers warned last night that Liam Allan's case may be just the "tip of the iceberg".

Angela Rafferty QC, chairwoman of the Criminal Bar Association, said [Mr Allan](#) "certainly would have suffered an appalling miscarriage of justice" without the intervention of barristers in court.



A senior barrister warns that there may be more cases like Liam AllanCredit: Ben Gurr - The Times

She warned it was "not an isolated incident" and said [police](#) and the CPS may be "unconsciously biased" towards people who report sex offences.

The stark warning came as The Times obtained inspection reports on dozens of collapsed cases over the past three years.

In one, a man accused of robbery spent six months in jail before evidence showed he had been robbed by the "victim" – a violent drug dealer.

A report in July by HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate said police and CPS staff blamed "limited resources and lack of time" for the poor disclosure of evidence.



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Angela Rafferty QC says that Allan would have 'suffered a miscarriage of justice' if the barristers in court did not intervene Credit: Universal News & Sport (Europe)
It found at least 56 cases had been scrapped because of failures between 2013 and last year.
More than half of the 146 cases reviewed showed “obvious disclosure issues” before the suspect was charged.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5152054/liam-allans-case-may-not-be-an-isolated-incident/>

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