

# Tory welfare policies an 'attack on single mothers'

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“Almost two thirds of benefit claimants effected by the benefit cap are single mothers.

“Yet again, the Tories’ welfare reforms are unfairly targeting women.

“Labour would build a social security system based on the principles of fairness and equality.”

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Lesley Laird MP  
Scottish Scottish Secretary

Shadow Scottish Secretary, Lesley Laird has branded the Tories' welfare reforms as an 'attack on single mothers'.

New figures have shown that almost two thirds of the people effected by the benefit cap are single mums.

And the benefit cap is not the only policy which unfairly targets women.

Here's what Ruth Davidson used to say on the rape clause. [#ScotDebates pic.twitter.com/kuB6X5bsuI](https://twitter.com/pic.twitter.com/kuB6X5bsuI)

– Scottish Labour (@scottishlabour) [6 June 2017](#)

The 'rape clause' has been widely condemned by women's charities and organisations.

The policy forces victims of rape to fill out an 8-page form before receiving vital child tax credits.

It has been described as one of the most vile policies ever introduced by a Tory government.

Here are 5 ways Scottish Labour would use Scotland's social

security powers: <https://t.co/5Bv0NaX3Ex> [pic.twitter.com/hykmyUKXSR](https://pic.twitter.com/hykmyUKXSR)

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A Labour government will transform the social security system so that, like the NHS, it is there for us all in our time of need.