

In response to the UN Special Rapporteur call for evidence regarding UK 'Extreme poverty and lack of human rights' this is my submission:

LEGAL RIGHTS ARE OF NO CONSEQUENCE , WHERE THERE IS FAILURE TO ENSURE THEY ARE RECEIVED OR ENFORCED

Definition of poverty is to be left with no monies to pay for food, clothing, shelter which includes no monies to pay for such basic utilities as water and energy.... the government has failed to ensure that vulnerable people are adequately protected - the aim of the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) is not to provide help but to use the excuse for their mistreatment is to save 'taxpayer' monies.

For the many individuals, who are left in dire poverty - it is a continual losing battle to obtain basic necessities of life, as detailed on my website, with the DWP going to extreme tactics to deny monies:

<http://www.georgetteorwell.com/dwp/dwp-blood-on-their-hands/>

Personally since 1 April 2010 until 18 April 2018 I have been left penniless for 8 years by DWP ie. the government department suppose to ensuring welfare, but has continually refused to deal with my case often failing even to acknowledge me or just giving me a paper-chase run around. No help has been provided at all, no monies, all the while profiteering agencies make millions in denying/ tricking people out of their legal rights.

Fortunately I have relatives and family, but if not for them, I would be dead like many other sick, disabled/ vulnerable - that DWP target in their 'saving' taxpayer monies remit. This is acknowledged on written parliament records and published in the media to miserable deaths and lack of human rights. It is ignored and repeatedly swept under the carpet by MPs and government clerks, who are never personally held accountable.

As above, my website - www.georgetteorwell.com ; I use a pen name, as I am extremely vulnerable merely because I have allergies/ chemical sensitivities which manifests as protracted anaphylaxis developed through toxic level chemical exposure as a result, I am now I am made ill from minute particle level exposure of VOCs - which is a whole other section of my website I intend to publish regarding denial of basic rights to live unharmed. My website, means I now have a voice and a way to expose publically just what DWP put people through.

Like any person writing under a pen name, are traceable via a publishing house, website host and email IP etc and by government authorities on a security level, there is nothing underhand at all, I have ensured I can be easily contacted. If anyone has alternative secure means and can ensure my protection, I am happy to disclose my identity to be checked further.

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As my website points out to allergy/ chemical sensitivity - basically means on government tick box assessment descriptors and jump through dictated hoops, which they know sick and disabled will fail - that I am not entitled to either JSA (unemployment), or ESA (sick/ disability) as DWP (Department of Works and Pensions), not was I protected at work so basically

continued to make me sicker, nor was provision been made so I could access public facilities. Generally, the DWP were caught out under Freedom of Information (FOI) that people were being left without any monies or resources, which is detailed on my website.

Apart from being left penniless, people especially government clerks have treat me appallingly in trying to obtain monies from DWP ie. think it is okay to just show up at my home and subject me to allergens with no regard to safety/ risk at all; previous to that at work or public places, I've even had people doing this intentionally, spraying chemicals in my vicinity. Answering the front door, I do not know what I am going to encounter, allergen wise used either intentionally or unintentionally !

In making personal allergies know to the public at large, it actually has the opposite effect to protection, they become a target - and unless they die from assault, even in this respect little is done..... which is certainly of no consolation to the victim or their family. I have enough problems with just home food deliveries contaminated with VOCs - without my name dragging thorough the media and subsequent judgemental malicious response.

My allergies are far worse and more isolating than this, but look at something as simple as peanut allergies - kids in school, restaurants etc..... you think there is adequate protection for them in daily life ? No, if someone sets out to harm them, well it's easy to do, intentionally or negligently, or by stealth and are offered extremely poor protection, nor any compensation for being repeatedly harmed (in my case through lax government legislation !).

So basically this is a summary of how government department treat people instead of helping them are intent on denying basic monies meaning we have a country where extreme poverty is INFLICTED and people cannot live exist from day to day without physical or emotional harm.

Personally I now consider that ever citizen of a country should at least have a basic income on which to live, that they should not have to go cap in hand nor be vulnerable to the whims of government, or arbitrary decision of basically amateur clerks, with no legal redress afforded to their victims

The individual is denied paid professional legal representation, the pretence of fair tribunal system is a joke - where individuals have to take on a government and a system that keeps providing money to proper up a disgraceful cruel government department we are suppose to obtain medical evidence and put personal details in the public domain etc.... whilst the DWP are handed £22m for basically denying people monies.

<https://benefitsandwork.co.uk/news/3693-dwp-presenting-officers-at-half-of-all-pip-tribunals>

There is no safeguard that people will be placed on one benefit or another and have a minimum income on which to survive, the tribunal system takes no account of this, it either rules benefit is payable under ESA or not, JSA benefit is payable or not..... and MPs know full well people are left without monies in no-mans land. They are denied unemployment monies as they have restrictions/ limitation on what they can work or what they can do (NOR is this assessed, mobility is assessed on press a button, not what jobs they can do), then they are not classed as sick or properly disabled on the basis of something as stupid that they can press a button, put a hand above their head etc.... and as per the case below can make a cup of tea (it is not assessed they would not be able to do this on a professional level or for how long etc.... it is so pathetic)

Every week people are reported to be dying miserable deaths, as per examples on my website and further reference linking to other website keeping a track of this..... the most recent

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6129841/Father-battling-cancer-benefits-cut-make-cup-tea.html>

DWP policy is clear, deny monies by any excuse possible, they even sub-contract to agencies that are internationally notorious for cheating people of monies and still do not put it right several years later !

There is no equality before the law, there are rights - yes I know I have rights, but I have no means of enforcing them, and I have documented years of the farce of this trying to appeal for common sense to DWP and tribunal system while left completely destitute. The government is by stealth, basically penalises family/ relatives and friends that have to pick up the expenses because of parliaments and an evil government department that has no qualms at inflicting cruelty and denying human rights.

No rights by DWP have been considered regarding international economic or social ratified agreements have been taken into account in my case or even under UK law, the tribunal system is a disgrace - they just ignore individuals such as myself that point it out their breach of basic human rights.

There are many organisation, that lobby parliament, there is debate after debate, but nothing is done for the individual..... just keep politically tinkering with the system, perhaps change direction, but this is of no consequence or compensation to people who have lost homes, security and faith in the country they live in.... where is the compensation paid to the individuals that the government departments have knowingly harmed, who is held responsible.... nobody !

DWP's latest stunt on hypocrisy of legal rights, is to pay a charity a further £39 m to tell people of their rights (but again, this does not include a means of enforcing them or guarantee they will be received); the government have knowingly continued to denying legal rights and have no intention of providing them - this is just throwing money at tiered unaccountable bureaucracy.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/universal-credit-citizens-advice-dwp-work-and-pensions-esther-mcvey-conservative-conferency-tory-a8563181.html>

So basically, I have legal rights - disability, equality, human rights etc - but in reality just going about daily life, nothing is done to ensure that these are actually received or enforced in any respect concerning public services ie. welfare, healthcare, education or working life etc; all of which are secondary to not having enough monies to just to exist from day to day. No one is held to account for the harm DWP inflicts, when it leaves people penniless, for months to years at a time and even when people die, nothing constructive is done.

Yours sincerely

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