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Dear Sir

I was the last of the solicitors challenging global cuts to care in the UK. My business covered 125 of 135 geographical areas for which legal aid contracts were available.

In 2003 I was offered the opportunity to be a preferred provider of legal services to the NHS and Local Authorities but effectively refused. Following this I was investigated by numerous government agencies.

In 2007 I was warned by solicitors appointed by the Law Society that if I failed to cease my work for disabled people "the State will discredit and bankrupt you and there is no escape ". I refused.

Within 2 working days of my refusal I received notice of intended prosecution under the Solicitors Act from the Solicitors Regulation Authority. The hearing was in 2009 and I was cleared. Within months the State applied for a Civil Restraint Order stopping me challenging decisions on legal aid funding and then refused all 125 of my applications for legal aid contracts.

I challenged the refusals and funded the firm myself for 2 years. I have clear evidence that the State perverted the course of justice but the State injunctioned me not to release evidence and the Police would not take it from me nor investigate.

Multiple people have died since my firm closed. I challenged cuts to the care of disabled people including facility closures.

The loss of social care results in poor health, social isolation and greater reliance on emergency services and the NHS and is counter productive financially. It can, and does, result in premature mortality.

I will be out of the country from 10-24 November 2018. Much of what I have put here is available by googling me

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone