

**From:** Joyce Redfearn [mailto:joyceredfearn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2012 15:07  
**To:** Paul C  
**Cc:** David Armstrong; Graham Burgess  
**Subject:** Re: Disability Discrimination

Dear Mr Cardin

I am acknowledging receipt of your email as you requested.

The issue you raise is one to which Wirral Council should respond . Mr Frater has now left the Council so I am forwarding your email to the acting Chief Executive Mr David Armstrong who will ensure that your email receives appropriate attention.

Best wishes

Joyce Redfearn

On 27 Aug 2012, at 22:20, Paul C wrote:

Dear Ms Redfearn,

There's an important issue covered in the emails below; that of Wirral Council's historical disability discrimination, carried out deliberately over several years - raised with the Equalities and Human Rights Commission some time ago, and with Mr Frater last month.

However, despite being "remunerated" a reported £1,200 per day, he has failed to acknowledge the original email, nor the reminder sent recently. I'd appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of *this* one with me, and then discuss and action the matters raised with Mr Frater, possibly during the Improvement Board sessions which you are privileged to chair. You may wish to remind him that the issue has now been taken up again with my local MP Angela Eagle, in part due to his ongoing failure.

I was told today that Paul Burstow MP, the minister concerned, is writing to me this week to update me on the related issue of an ongoing threat of abuse to vulnerable people - on Wirral and further afield, created and enabled by Wirral Council's quite calculated failure to safeguard their wellbeing,

Best regards and thank you in advance,

Paul Cardin

**From:** Paul C [mailto:[info@easyvirtualassistance.co.uk](mailto:info@easyvirtualassistance.co.uk)]  
**Sent:** 23 August 2012 14:26  
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**Cc:** '[graham.burgess@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:graham.burgess@blackburn.gov.uk)'; 'Green, Jeff E. (Councillor)'; '[phildavies@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:phildavies@wirral.gov.uk)'; '[eaglea@parliament.uk](mailto:eaglea@parliament.uk)'  
**Subject:** FW: Disability Discrimination

Dear Mr Frater,

We are approaching a month since I sent the email below, but I haven't received a response.

When you have the opportunity, I would very much appreciate an acknowledgment and response,

Many thanks,

Paul Cardin

**From:** Paul C [<mailto:info@easyvirtualassistance.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 26 July 2012 23:36

**To:** '[michaelfrater@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:michaelfrater@wirral.gov.uk)'

**Cc:** 'Anna Klonowski'; '[grahamburgess@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:grahamburgess@wirral.gov.uk)'; 'Green, Jeff E. (Councillor)'; '[phildavies@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:phildavies@wirral.gov.uk)'

**Subject:** Disability Discrimination

Dear Mr Frater,

Back in 2010, I visited one of Angela Eagle MP's surgeries and raised the subject of Wirral Council's unlawful charging policy. This was something that I regarded as systematic disability discrimination.

This discrimination had been committed both prior to and since Social Services' senior staff ignored the detailed submissions of a whistleblower (Martin Morton), who had told them it was wrong and unlawful. But the Adult Social Services Department continued to deduct payments from the bank accounts of 16 learning disabled residents of three supported living accommodations in Moreton, Wirral. It is believed this unlawful charging occurred for a period of up to 9 years, perhaps longer. As you will be aware, Mr Morton, in return for his public-spirited actions was forced out of his job, and I believe he is now unemployed.

Quite apart from the proven bullying and alleged mobbing of Mr Morton, I viewed the taking of this money from vulnerable people as disability discrimination, as did Mike Smith, the Chair of the Disability Committee of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. In addressing Angela Eagle's initial query, Mike Smith had written to her on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2010, confirming this and I attach his letter for you to read.

Within the letter, Mike Smith states that this *was* disability discrimination, because he disagrees with Bill Norman's opinion on it. He goes on "...Mr Cardin's concerns should be included in the inquiry (Anna Klonowski inquiry), in order to identify whether there are other issues or systemic problems that need to be addressed."

In other words, disability discrimination was "a given" – and the inquiry should now focus on looking for other issues or problems needing to be addressed.

However, whether through breakdown of communication, malpractice or incompetence, the law firm assuming the "disability discrimination role", DLA Piper UK LLP (see pp. 240 to 249 of AKA report), did not address Mike Smith's concerns at all. They were either instructed, or took it upon themselves to adopt a much narrower remit, determining whether or not there HAD BEEN disability discrimination throughout a number of different time periods, eventually deciding overall that there hadn't. Which flew in the face of Mike Smith's opinion and failed to address his stated requirements.

Prior to this letter, the now suspended Director of Law Bill Norman had reached his own conclusion, in Mike Smith's opinion wrongly, that there hadn't been disability discrimination. I am concerned that a reasonable assumption by any third party would consider this arrangement to be suspect, given that Mike Smith's concerns weren't addressed, and that large amounts of public money in the form of solicitors' fees were involved.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, unaddressed disability discrimination is an extremely urgent, serious and compelling subject, and I would be very grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this email and then make enquiries of Anna Klonowski, Bill Norman, Surjit Tour and any other officers who may have been in a position to allow sloppiness or malpractice to creep in where it should not be permitted to,

Best regards,

Paul Cardin

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