

# I, Daniel Blake director Ken Loach says 'incompetent' Tories are not fit to govern

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Ken Loach says that if the Tories know what they are doing 'they are not fit to be in Government'

[Ken Loach](#) is embroiled in a war of words with a [Cabinet](#) minister over his new film's searing critique of [welfare cuts](#) .

[Work and Pensions](#) Secretary [Damian Green](#) criticised as "monstrously unfair" the portrayal of job centre staff in [I, Daniel Blake](#), despite admitting he has not watched the film .

But Mr Loach has hit back at the comments, accusing the Government of being either "incompetent" or not fit to hold office.

In a comment to the Press Association, he said: "If they don't know what they are doing to people they are incompetent and shouldn't be in Government.

"If they do know what they are doing then they are not fit to be in Government."

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Work and Pensions Secretary Damian Green has taken issue with the film's portrayal of job centre staff

The film tells the story of a 59-year-old joiner who is plunged into extreme poverty and confronted by a faceless bureaucracy when his benefits are stopped.

It has won rave reviews and was given the coveted Palme d'Or at the Cannes film festival, but has been criticised by [Tory](#) ministers past and present for its portrayal of welfare cuts.

Rebecca O'Brien, a producer on the film, told the Press Association that employees working at job centres and at the Department for Work and Pensions were consulted but were too scared to be individually named in the credits.



The film has been criticised by Tories for its portrayal of welfare cuts

She said: "If he hasn't seen the film he wouldn't know that at the end of the film we thank the job centre workers who worked on the film. We spoke to many of them in the course of our research.

"We didn't actually identify them individually because they were so scared and asked to remain anonymous."

She said staff told producers that they were given secret targets to cut welfare payments.

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Real job centre employees were consulted and worked on the film

"So many people have got in touch with us after the film saying 'I am Daniel Blake, it is my story'," she said.

"I thought it wasn't as huge a problem as I now know it to be. I realise now just how difficult it is to get benefits and how easy it is to get sanctioned.

"Lots and lots of people have contacted us saying this reflects their experience.

"We have witnessed far worse stories than those portrayed in the film, but we didn't portray them because we didn't think people would believe them."

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Tory welfare secretary Damian Green branded hit Ken Loach film I, Daniel Blake a “monstrously unfair” work of fiction today - despite admitting he’d never seen it.

The film won the Palme d’Or at this year’s Cannes Film Festival for its stark portrayal of a 59-year-old joiner facing nightmarish fit-to-work tests.

But Mr Green told MPs: “It is a work of fiction. It is not a documentary. It bears no relation to the modern benefits system.”

He said he hadn’t seen the film but, had seen a lot of trailers for it.

“And as I understand it,” he said, “it is monstrously unfair to Job Centre staff, who are hugely conscientious people doing a job, sometimes in difficult conditions and doing it very well indeed.”

Mr Green was speaking after he unveiled plans to reform fit-for-work assessments for disabled people.



Britain's Work and Pensions Secretary Damian Green



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He faced attacks from MPs in a testy debate in the House of Commons.

Hated former Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith welcomed the shake-up but said planned cuts to work allowances under Universal Credit must be scrapped.

"These need now to be increased to their original levels," he said.

Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary Debbie Abrahams warned people had "real anxiety" about possible "coded messages" in the green paper.

She said claims that Tory reforms make work pay are "derisory" and Universal Credit was a long-delayed "unmitigated disaster".

She renewed her call for the system of fit-for-work tests to be scrapped.



Oldham East and Saddleworth MP Debbie Abrahams

"It's a dehumanising system which is doing great harm and is nothing more than a vehicle for getting people 'off-flow'," she said.

Mr Green hit back by reading out a long list of comments backing his drive for reform by disability groups.

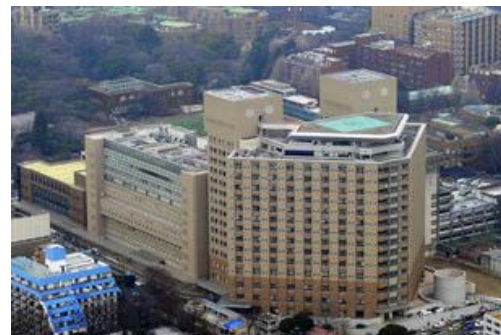
He added: "I'm afraid her carping at this is just out of touch with the sector of those who most represent disabled people."

Mr Green said he wanted to raise awareness of the health benefits of having a good job and make clear that "the idea that sitting at home living on benefits is in any way good for people - particularly people with a mental health condition - is completely wrong".



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Employers will be encouraged to work with staff with long-term conditions to stop them falling out of work while Jobcentre Plus work coaches will help direct claimants to therapy.

Unveiling the Work and Health Green Paper in the House of Commons, Mr Green reiterated his commitment that no welfare savings were being sought as part of the reforms.

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He said the Government aims to close the gap between employment rates of disabled and non-disabled people, which currently stands at 32 percentage points, with 4.6 million people with disabilities and long-term conditions out of work.

"When things need improving, like the Work Capability Assessment and fit notes, we mustn't shy away from big decisions," said Mr Green.

"We must be bold in our ambition to help disabled people and those with health conditions. This Green Paper marks the start of our action to confront the attitudes, prejudices and misunderstandings that, after many years, have become ingrained within the welfare state, within the minds of employers and across wider society."



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The family of David Clapson, the former British soldier who died after his benefits were sanctioned, has formally requested an inquest into his death.

Lawyers for Gill Thompson, David's sister, lodged official papers with the Hertfordshire Coroner on Friday "on the basis that he died an unnatural death due to the imposition and effects of the benefit sanction imposed on him shortly before and in force at the time of his death."

After David died in July 2013, the coroner turned down further investigation and an inquest, ruling that his death was due to natural causes. But, backed by the Daily Mirror, Mrs Thompson has fought for three years for a public investigation.

Leigh Day law firm says there is a "strong public interest" in a fresh investigation because "a benefit sanction arguably played a contributing or causative factor in the death".



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The move comes as public interest in the issue of sanctions and the benefit system is heightened by the Ken Loach film, I Daniel Blake. The Mirror has been campaigning alongside Mrs Thompson on the issue since 2013.

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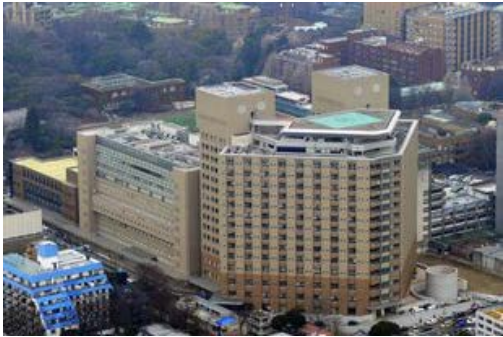
David Clapson, a former Lance Corporal in the Royal Signals, died in July 2013 from fatal diabetic ketoacidosis caused by a severe lack of insulin. He had been unable to keep his insulin at the correct temperature because – following a benefit sanction following two missed appointments – he had no money to turn on his fridge. The post-mortem found that his stomach was completely empty.

“He died with six tea bags, an out-of-date tin of sardines and a can of tomato soup,” Mrs Thompson said at the time of his death. “There was a pile of CVs next to his body.”



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David Clapson a diabetic former soldier who died in poverty after having his benefits stopped from missing a job centre appointment

Today, she said: “Although this cannot change things for David, I will continue the campaign to help prevent further deaths and suffering on the vulnerable and sick in our society by the use of unjust sanctions.”

The legal submission to the coroner states: “The role played by the imposition of a benefit sanction in Mr. Clapson’s death, the systems in place to manage the risks posed by benefit sanctions to those who receive them, and the decision-making of DWP staff when imposing benefit sanctions on vulnerable and at-risk individuals, are of wider public importance and are matters of significant public concern.

“These matters have been considered in a number of reviews and reports, which support Ms. Thompson’s submissions on the strong public interest in this case.”

David Clapson served in Belfast at the height of the troubles before leaving the army to work for BT. After working for the telecommunications firm for 16 years and a further eight years for other companies he then became a carer for his sick mother. When his mother died, he found it difficult to find work, but Mrs Thompson said he was a proud man who was “the furthest thing you could get from a shirker”. He also suffered from diabetes.

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When the Department for Work and Pensions sanctioned him for a month, stopping his £71.70 Job Seekers Allowance, he was left unable to afford to top up his electricity key and unable to afford food.

In a letter to David's MP, the DWP stated they were "aware Mr Clapson was insulin dependent".

In 2014, Mrs Thompson started a petition with Change.org that gained over 200,000 signatures which helped to secure a Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry in March 2015. However, the Government rejected the Select Committee recommendation that the number of peer reviews into deaths of persons subject to a sanction be made public.

The Government also rejected Ms Thompson's calls for an Independent Review into David's death and the deaths of others in similar circumstances and of an independent body to conduct more reviews into the deaths of those in receipt of 'working-age' benefits.

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Merry Varney from the law firm Leigh Day who is representing Ms Thompson in her fight for an inquest into her brother's death, said:

"We hope that these submissions will show the Coroner that there is a reason to suspect that David died an unnatural death and that an investigation should be opened with a view to holding a full Inquest into the circumstances of David's death.

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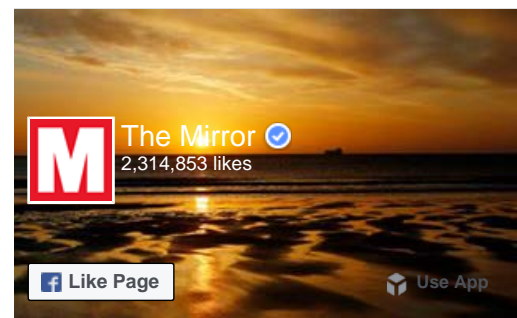
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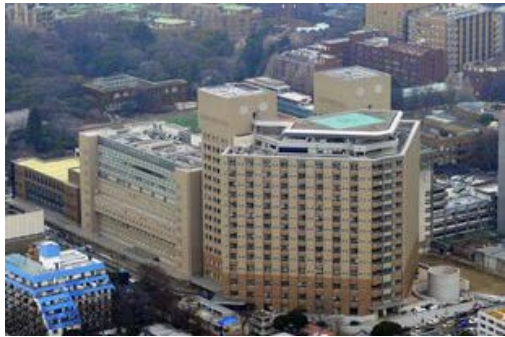
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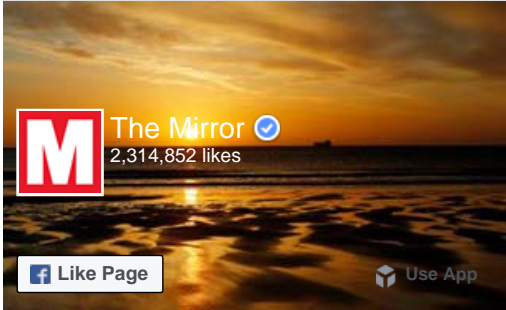
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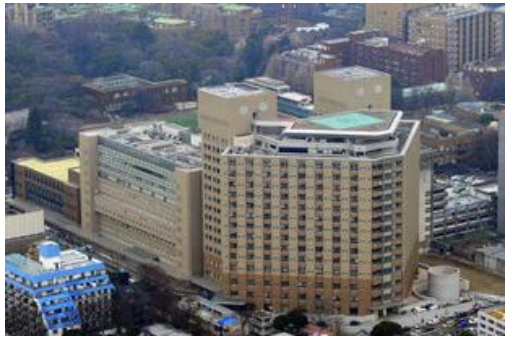
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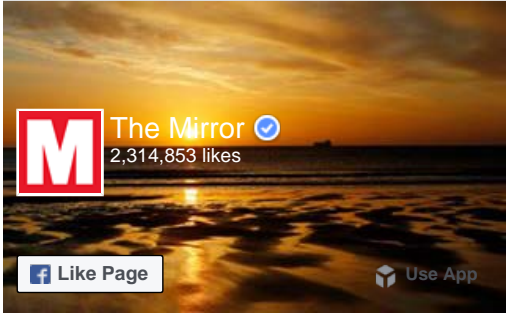
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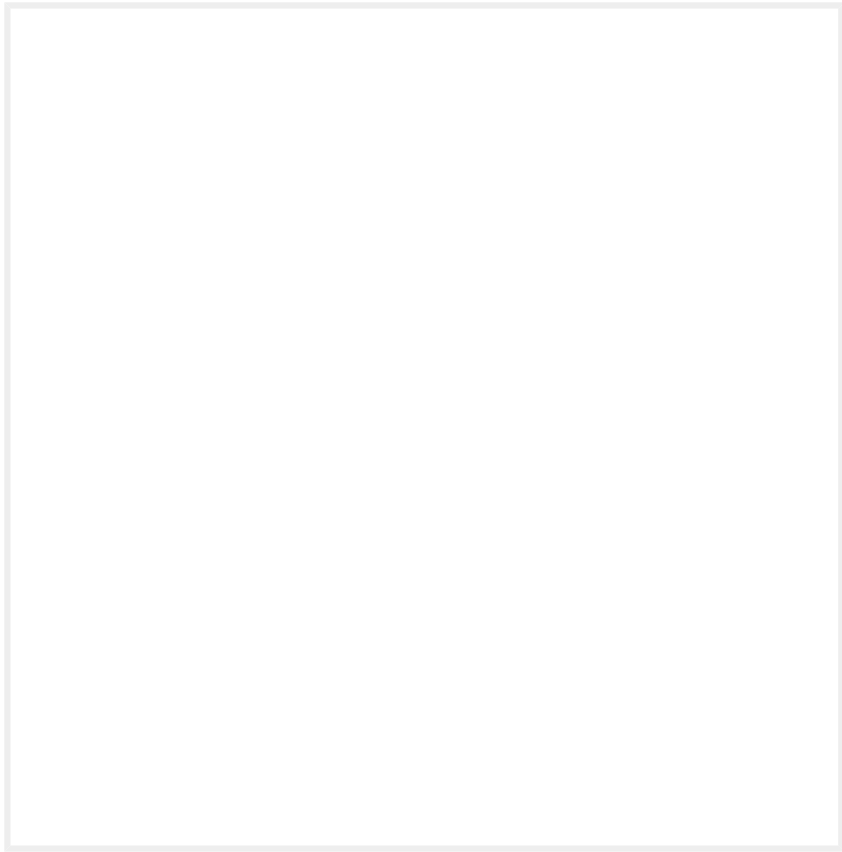
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## DWP-related deaths [2010-2015]

Debbie Abrahams talks to Esther McVey (video)

Investigation reveals DWP quality assure their own processes instead of getting a specialised company to audit them.

Coroners come out and say DWP caused the deaths of their clients



These are just some of the people who died since the coalition took office in 2010 in DWP-related circumstances. Some Tories refer to these deaths as mere statistics. They are real people not numbers. Their names and circumstances of their death should never be forgotten **or covered up as one Tory suggested.** I know if I died in a DWP related death I'd want people to see me on this list too. **It highlights the wrongdoing which comes right from the top with policy.**

In a new revelation it has come to light that **no company is brought in to quality assure DWP procedures.** Esther McVey claimed that **DWP procedures were quality assured** but this is only something approved bodies can do such as **Price Waterhouse Coopers.**

Remember voting for who we had in Government from 2010-2015 will mean more deaths. You may be perfectly healthy today but some of you are just around the corner from sickness, disability or a life-changing illness. Even ex-Tory voters have come forward and **admitted they voted Tory until illness struck them.**

Before voting keep the people below in mind and ask yourself if you are a humane person because these deaths need not have happened.

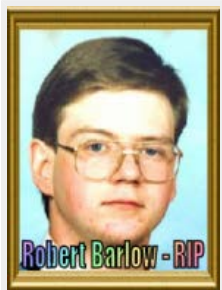
**Nick Barker – RIP**



FORMER SHEEP FARMER, NICK BARKER HAD A BRAIN HAEMORRHAGE WHICH LEFT HIM STRUGGLING TO WALK. THE FATHER OF TWO SHOT HIMSELF AFTER THE DWP CLAIMED HE WAS FIT TO WORK. RECORDING A SUICIDE VERDICT, CORONER MICHAEL OAKLEY SAID THE BENEFITS ASSESSMENT WAS KEY TO THE TRAGEDY.

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**Robert Barlow – RIP**



ROBERT BARLOW WORKED AS  
A GOVERNMENT SCIENTIST  
BUT GAVE IT UP WHEN  
DIAGNOSED WITH SEVERE  
CARDIOMYPATHY. THE DWP  
DEEMED HIM FIT TO WORK. HE  
DIED PENNILESS UNDER 2  
YEARS LATER.

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**Cecilia Burns – RIP**



CECILIA BURNS HAD CANCER. ATOS  
CALLED HER IN FOR ONE OF THEIR  
ASSESSMENTS. THE DWP DECLARED  
HER FIT TO WORK, BUT SHE APPEALED  
THE DECISION. SHE DIED SHORTLY  
AFTER WINNING HER APPEAL.

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**Chris Cann – RIP**



AFTER LOSING BOTH LEGS & A  
FINGER TO DIABETES, CHRIS CANN  
WAS HOUSEBOUND. DESPITE THIS,  
THE DWP INSISTED HE TRAVELLED  
OUTSIDE AND GO IN FOR ONE OF  
THEIR FIT TO WORK  
ASSESSMENTS OR THEY WOULD  
CUT OFF HIS BENEFIT. THE LETTER  
SHOOK CHRIS UP BADLY. DESPITE  
THE DWP CHANGING THEIR MINDS  
ABOUT HIM GOING IN, HE DIED OF  
A SUSPECTED HEART ATTACK  
SOON AFTER.

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**Leanne Chambers – RIP**





LEANNE CHAMBERS HAD A DEGREE IN BUSINESS STUDIES FROM TEESIDE UNIVERSITY, BUT SHE BATTLED DEPRESSION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHE HAD TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE AFTER RECEIVING A LETTER TELLING HER TO GO TO ATOS FOR ONE OF THEIR 'FIT TO WORK' ASSESSMENTS. LEANNE WALKED OUT OF HER HOME SOME TIME AFTER MIDNIGHT. HER BODY WAS LATER FOUND IN THE RIVER WEAR.

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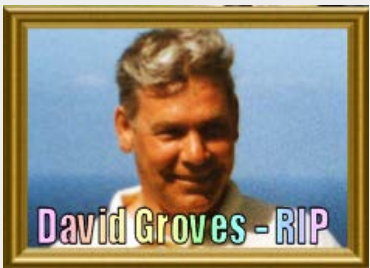
**David Clapson – RIP**



FORMER SOLDIER DAVID CLAPSON DIED AGED 59 AT HIS HOME IN HILLSIDE FROM FATAL DIABETIC KETO-ACIDOSIS, WHICH THE NHS CALLS "A DANGEROUS COMPLICATION OF DIABETES CAUSED BY A LACK OF INSULIN." HE DIED ON JULY 20TH 2013 BECAUSE HE COULDN'T KEEP HIS INSULIN COOL DUE TO BEING SANCTIONED BY THE DWP. CLAIRE MCGUCKIN OF THE DWP SAID "I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CORRECT PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BENEFIT," THUS POINTING THE BLAME FIRMLY IN THE DIRECTION OF MINISTER IAIN DUNCAN SMITH.

David's photo: <https://endpropaganda.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/dwpdeath.png?w=960>

**David Groves – RIP**



DAVID GROVES STOPPED WORK AFTER 40 YEARS ON DOCTORS ORDERS AFTER ASTRING OF STROKES & A HEART ATTACK. ATOS CALLED HIM IN FOR A FIT TO WORK ASSESSMENT BUT HE DIED THE NIGHT BEFORE. HIS WIDOW SAYS HE WAS IN A TERRIBLE STATE AND IT WAS THE STRESS THAT KILLED HIM.

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**Stephen Hill – RIP**



STEPHEN HILL SUFFERED HEART PROBLEMS & WAS WAITING FOR MAJOR HEART SURGERY. ATOS FOUND HIM FIT FOR WORK AFTER A TEN MINUTE CHECK. HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK.

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**Edward Jacques – RIP**



EDWARD JACQUES FATALLY OVERDOSED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT GIVEN A PROPER ASSESSMENT BY THE DWP, AN INQUEST HEARD.

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**Brian McArdle – RIP**



BRIAN WAS PARALYSED DOWN ONE SIDE, PARALYSED IN ONE EYE, HE COULDN'T SPEAK. HE DIED THE DAY AFTER BEING FOUND FIT TO WORK BY ATOS.

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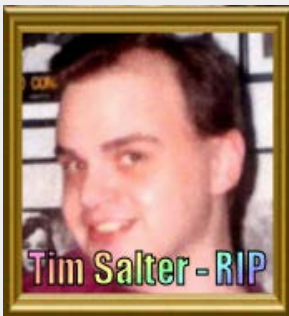
**Mark Mullins – RIP & Helen Mullins – RIP**



MARK MULLINS AND HELEN MULLINS  
DIED IN AN APPARENT SUICIDE PACT.  
FORMER SOLDIER MARK, 48, AND HELEN,  
59, WHO HAD LEARNING DIFFICULTIES,  
'SLIPPED THROUGH THE NET' AND WERE  
FOUND SIDE-BY-SIDE IN THEIR HOME  
AFTER NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE  
CORRECT BENEFITS.

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**Tim Salter – RIP**



TIM SALTER, AGED 53, WAS PARTIALLY  
SIGHTED & SUFFERED FROM MENTAL  
HEALTH PROBLEMS. TIM WAS FOUND  
HANGED AT HIS HOME JUST DAYS  
BEFORE HE WAS DUE TO BE EVICTED  
OVER RENT ARREARS. AT AN INQUEST,  
CORONER ANDREW HAIGH CONCLUDED:  
'A MAJOR FACTOR IN HIS DEATH WAS  
THAT HIS STATE BENEFITS HAD BEEN  
GREATLY REDUCED LEAVING HIM  
ALMOST DESTITUTE AND WITH  
THREATENED REPOSSESSION OF HIS  
HOME.'

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**Mark Scott – RIP**



MARK SCOTT, 46, WAS PASSED AS FIT TO  
WORK BY THE DWP DESPITE A MEDICAL  
RECORD OF SEVERE ANXIETY, EPILEPSY,  
PANIC ATTACKS & ALCOHOLISM. HE DIED  
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS FROM  
PNEUMONIA. BUT HIS FATHER'S

TRoubles didn't end there. To add insult to death, his father who is called Clifford Scott received a letter from the DWP containing major errors and obviously wasn't checked. The letter stated: "We are sorry to hear about the death of Clifford Scott. We will make a payment of £186.87 into your chosen account for the death of Clifford Scott".

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**Karen Sherlock – RIP**



KAREN SHERLOCK HAD FAILING VISION & REQUIRED A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT YET SHE WAS DECLARED 'FIT TO WORK'. SHE LATER DIED.

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**Elenore Tatton – RIP**



ELENORE TATTON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A BRAIN TUMOUR AT 15 YEARS OLD. SHE ALSO HAD EPILEPSY. THE DWP SAID SHE WAS FIT TO WORK AFTER ONE OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS. TWO WEEKS LATER, SHE WAS DEAD.

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**Colin Traynor – RIP**



COLIN TRAYNOR WAS A LIFELONG EPILEPTIC. ATOS FOUND HIM FIT TO WORK. HE APPEALED, BUT LATER BECAME DEPRESSED AND LOST WEIGHT. HE WON HIS APPEAL BUT DIDN'T LIVE TO SEE IT AS HE DIED THE DAY BEFORE.

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**Mark Wood – RIP**





MARK WOOD HAD OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER, ASPERGERS SYNDROME, COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS, PHOBIAS OF FOOD & SOCIAL SITUATIONS. ATOS & DWP RULED HIM FIT FOR WORK. MARK THEN STARVED TO DEATH. DWP CLAIM THEY OBTAIN EVIDENCE FROM CLAIMANTS' GPS. MARK'S GP REVEALED THE DWP DID NOT CONTACT HIM AND IF THEY DID HE WOULD HAVE TOLD THEM MARK WASN'T FIT FOR WORK. HE WAS ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF DAVID CAMERON.

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**Linda Wootton – RIP**



LINDA WOOTTON WAS DYING IN A HOSPITAL BED WHEN THE DWP REMOVED HER BENEFITS. SHE DIED NINE DAYS AFTER BEING FOUND 'FIT TO WORK'.

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Remember the DWP perform their tasks at the behest of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. Therefore, unless they have not followed the rules the deaths of these people cannot be considered their fault. The blame lies firmly with the Secret of State for Work and Pensions. All the people listed died in 2010 onwards when the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions was Iain Duncan Smith, a Tory Minister. Please keep this in mind along with the people above when you next vote.

Here is one attitude to the above deaths:

**Andrew Shaw** George Duncan Smith: "I'm improving peoples lives, I'm getting them off benefits and I'm proud of my achievements."

Below are some of his 'achievements';... [See More](#)

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**Andrew Shaw** Larry Newman suffered from a degenerative lung condition, his weight dropping from 10 to 7 stone. Atos awarded him zero points, he died just three months after submitting his appeal.

Paul Turner, 52 years old. After suffering a heart attack, he was or... [See More](#)


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**Chris Terry** Now, do you have a list of all the people the government's welfare reforms have helped? Why not? It couldn't be that you're just trying to score political points off the back of other's personal tragedies now could it?

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**Paul Goff-Deakins** Probably not Chris. Victims make much better ammunition for their gutter tactics than success stories...

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**Andrew Shaw** I have a question: Are you suggesting that if a few people are helped by this governments welfare reforms, then it is acceptable that some people die?

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**Paul Goff-Deakins** Can't please everyone.

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**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**  
**Central Freedom of Information Team**

Our reference: VTR 1116

Date: 30 March 2015

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 21/03/15.  
You asked:

*In many statements given by Esther McVey in response to questions related to DWP processes (the most recent being a response to a question by MP Debbie Abrahams as to how many Peer Reviews were currently in place related to the death of a claimant where McVey said "All our processes are quality assured " and that there were 49 Peer Reviews in place).*

*My question is specific to "Quality Assured Processes". Please would you kindly confirm those processed are quality assured by company Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC)?*

*If you're not able to name the company would you kindly therefore be able to confirm that the DWP brings in an outside company to Quality Assure DWP processes?*

**No external companies are involved in Quality Assuring DWP processes.**

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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## Those who voted Tory and regretted it

I've always voted conservative as did my parents, but having worked full time for 40 yrs & never claimed a penny in benefits, i was taken very ill 2 yrs ago & no longer able to work, it has come back to bite me big time, never knew trying to live on sickness benefit meant living in extreme poverty. soon be time to have to choose between heat or eat again!

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Philip 'Radders' Radwell have you got anyone to go over your finances with you and assist you?

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
wish i had never voted for conservative but i like many fell for the lie that the reason we pay so much tax is to pay for the benefit scroungers who get loads of benefits, now i need help realise this is not true! shame on you conservatives keeping people hungry!

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At 52 I too have voted Conservative for almost all of my life. I won't make that mistake EVER again. I had to stop work, during their previous Thatcher-Major administration, to look after my mother who was ravaged with Alzheimer's disease for a decade and found myself penalised by the Tory's even though I was making up for the shortfall of NHS and social care during their dog-eat-dog reign. Now I am out of work through disability and chronic ill health and the song remains the same. The Conservatives are not merely the Nasty Party, they are the Inhumane & Barbarism Party as they wage a war of fiscal terror on the domestic market whilst seeking to bomb other nations into submission as though they haven't yet acclimatised to the loss of Empire.


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**Frank McDonnell** They just say "get a job you lazy scrounger" shows they don't care if you're 40 and never worked and you're 40 and worked for 20 years. To them, it's your filth.

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Sorry I used to know lots of Conservatives, I even voted for them all my adult life, but I don't like all the broken promises, or a total ignorance of ordinary people's lives. I am seriously considering UKIP, as are the aforementioned ex-Conservatives.

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**I'll never vote Tory/Lib Dem again**

Perhaps politicians and the tabloids sometimes forget that it's not only Labour voters who get sick, become disabled or lose their jobs. When it happens to a Conservative supporter it can come as a bit of a shock.

*"For the first time in my life I do not know who to vote for. After what Ian Duncan Smith put me through I cannot ever vote Tory again, but it is hard making a new choice."*

*"Vote this coalition out. I voted conservative for all my life. Never again. I don't trust a word that comes out of their mouths, especially the DWP and Employment ministers."*

*"I would prefer the Downing Street cat to get elected rather than the Conservatives, and, I like many voted for them in the last election."*

*"Our family would never vote for a tory government ever again!"*

*"I am in a Tory marginal. They've lost three votes in this household. I am not convinced that Labour - the only likely alternative - are likely to do anything better. The Bedroom Tax does not apply to me but as a result of its impact on disabled people I will not be voting Tory again. Neither will I vote for the Lib Dems who did not have the backbone to stop it. I will be voting tactically in the hope that this Government will fall and take IDS with them."*

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A number of coroners have come out and stated the DWP played a role in the death of their clients. The DWP have the cheek to say the coroners are wrong – who are you more likely to believe – the professionals whose job it is to investigate deaths or a Government department with its own agenda?

**Coroner Michael Oakley** said the DWP benefits assessment was key to the death of **Nick Barker**. **Coroner Andrew Haigh** concluded the death of **Tim Salter** was mostly caused by the DWP who drastically reduced his benefit.

Meanwhile these people died under questionable circumstances with the DWP. **Cecilia Burns** had cancer. The DWP declared her fit for work. She appealed the decision but died shortly after winning her appeal. **Chris Cann** was housebound after losing both legs and a finger. The DWP insisted he exited his home to attend a fit for work assessment. This shook Chris up badly and he died of a suspected heart attack. **Leanne Chambers** had depression for years. The DWP sent her a letter to attend a fit to work assessment. She left the house that night and her lifeless body was later found in the River Wear. **David Clapson** died after because he couldn't power his fridge to keep his insulin cool after the DWP removed his benefits. DWP responded saying they were following procedure. **David Groves** stopped work after a string of strokes and a heart attack. DWP told Atos to call him in for a fit to work assessment. He died the night before. His widow said he was in a terrible state and the stress killed him. **Stephen Hill** suffered heart problems and was waiting for major heart surgery. DWP declared him fit to work following a ten minute Atos check. He died of a heart attack. **Edward Jaques** fatally overdosed because he was not given a correct assessment by the DWP an inquest heard. **Brian McArdle** was paralysed down one side and couldn't speak. He died the day after being found fit for work by DWP. **Mark Mullins & Helen Mullins** died in an apparent suicide pact after not having the correct access to benefits. **There are many more people like this.**

