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DEAD BABY IN BOX OUTRAGE

Cash for
abuse
claims
refused

By Daily Post
Correspondent

A 38-YEAR-OLD man who claims he was seriously sexually abused by teachers at a "notorious" approved school 26 years ago, has lost his bid for compensation in London's High Court.

The man, who cannot be named because of the nature of his allegations, had remained silent for more than 20 years before media reports highlighted sexual attacks on other boys at the school.

The Skelmersdale man sought compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board but was sent away without a penny on the grounds that he had made his claim outside the normal three-year time limit. It was that decision of CICB chairman, Lord Carlisle, on March 16 this year, which he challenged in the High Court yesterday.

David Burles, for the man, described Bryn Estyn Approved School, Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham, as "notorious".

"At that school in 1968 he was subject to acts of buggery and other sexual abuse by teachers when he was aged 12."

"In the 1990s publicity about Bryn Estyn Approved School began to emerge and he went to the police to make a statement."

"The Crown Prosecution Service decided not to launch a prosecution."

Mr Burles said the CICB had the discretion to waive the normal time limit for claims in "exceptional" cases but only did so in sexual abuse cases when there had been a trial and conviction of the perpetrators.

But Mr Justice Mapherson said the CICB had adopted a "sensible benchmark".

"Lord Carlisle looked at the whole circumstances and his discretion was almost certainly properly exercised," he added.

The judge refused to open the way for a Judicial Review of Lord Carlisle's decision.

Tories set for Railtrack sell-off

By James Hardy
Daily Post Correspondent

MINISTERS were last night thought to be gearing up for the multi-billion pound privatisation of Railtrack as the final part of the sell-off of the rail industry.

The long expected move - which could see the national track authority in private hands by the next General Election - could raise up to £5.5 billion for Treasury coffers.

It is believed Transport Secretary Brian Mawhinney will announce the sell-off, based on a Stock Market flotation, in a Parliamentary written answer next week.

The move would allow John Major to face down criticism from Tory right-wingers that the Government's new legislative programme lacks a radical cutting edge.

It will also allow Chancellor Kenneth Clarke an opportunity to finance the tax cuts he is widely expected to announce in next year's budget.

A Department of Transport spokesman last night described the report as speculation, but conceded that privatisation of Railtrack was a priority.

"Ministers have said that the commitment is there to privatise Railtrack and it will be done at the earliest practical opportunity,"

Inquiry launched after courier delivers body

By David Jones
Daily Post Staff

AN INVESTIGATION is under way after a cardboard box containing the body of a stillborn baby burst open after it was sent 180 miles by courier.

Wrexham Maelor Hospital sent the body of the infant to Cardiff for specialist post mortem examination.

But the packaging around the infant's body leaked and the saline solution weakened the cardboard box in which it was travelling.

Horrified staff at Cardiff's University Hospital of Wales saw a pinkish liquid inside.

Care and counselling groups in the region said they were shocked and would be distressed to learn if this was a universal practice.

Last night Wrexham Maelor Hospital chief executive Eddie Kinsella defended his hospital's actions, saying it was following procedures laid down by the University Hospital.

But South Glamorgan Health Authority said the baby's body should have been carried by funeral director's hearse or in an ambulance.

It said it was reporting the incident to the Health and Safety Executive.

Wrexham hospital chiefs were last night contacting the family of the dead baby to explain what had happened and to reassure them.

Clywd county councillor Colin Bostock, whose ward covers the Maelor Hospital, said he was alarmed by what had happened and he urged the hospital to check its

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BLOOD BROTHERS BATTLE



Proud father William Murphy, right, pictured on his son Greg's wedding day. A happy occasion, but William has since died - the third of three haemophiliac brothers to fall victim to contaminated blood products. William's brothers' families won government compensation, but Greg is having to battle for a settlement for his father. He is campaigning for an investigation into the blood scandal.

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Condition where a bruise can prove fatal

THERE could not be a sadder illustration of the dilemma facing haemophiliacs than the Murphy family.

Sufferers are unable to produce their own blood clotting agents - a simple bruise can see them led to death internally - so they must inject blood products created from donated plasma to lead a normal, healthy life.

It was not until 1985 that the NHS introduced the screening of blood products for HIV and Hepatitis - by then it was too late for 1,200 haemophiliacs who had been infected by the AIDS virus, including William Murphy's two brothers.

It now appears it was also too

late for Mr Murphy, who believed he had escaped the curse of infected blood. He is one of the 95 pc of the 3,122 haemophiliacs who used the clotting agent known as Factor VIII regularly before May 1985 may now be infected with Hepatitis C.

The Murphys are among 60 families who have approached solicitors to seek compensation and the Hepatitis Society is considering backing their campaign.

Conservative MP John Marshall, who led the campaign to win compensation for HIV-infected haemophiliacs, said: "Mr Murphy's case seems to illustrate perfectly the inconsistency in government policy towards these two groups of

people.

"All three brothers were infected by the NHS - the first two were quite rightly given compensation and so should the third and his family.

"It seems to me that the two groups have suffered very much one and the same fate. It is as much a moral issue as anything," said Mr Marshall who is now pressing Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley to compensate Hepatitis C-infected haemophiliacs.

Hepatitis C is a chronic liver condition which can take up to 20 years to develop and many of these infected show no symptoms for long periods.

Mr Murphy, who died aged 59,

was one of the 3 pc of cases who go on to develop chronic cirrhosis of the liver which is not necessarily fatal but can be a killer if undetected.

He is believed to have contracted the virus from blood injected during an emergency operation for a burst ulcer in 1981, the peak risk period for contaminated blood.

For the next five years he was subjected to regular HIV tests but was finally given the all-clear in 1986. But by then both his brothers had been diagnosed HIV-positive, and four years later they were both dead.

In January 1992 it was confirmed that Mr Murphy had developed cirrhosis of the liver as a

direct result of Hepatitis C and that the condition was terminal.

But as late as August this year Mr Murphy's family were given fresh hope with the offer of a liver transplant - which would have not only given him a new disease-free organ but also eradicated his haemophilia.

The blood clotting factors which haemophiliacs lack are produced in the liver.

But after a series of tests examining the potential for a liver transplant, a malignant tumour was discovered on the liver.

Mr Murphy was discharged to await chemotherapy but 18 days later, on September 2, he died of a massive abdominal bleed.

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November 20, 1994

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Rev. John Egan

3 p.m. Choral Evensong

Preacher: Canon David

Mutton

4 p.m. Holy Communion

In Memoriam

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Triple blood tragedy family in cash fight

By Claire Stocks
Daily Post Staff

THE family of three haemophiliac brothers who all died after receiving contaminated blood are mounting a campaign to force the government to award compensation to thousands of other infected patients.

Two of the brothers died from HIV infections and their families have been compensated by a government payout.

But there is no similar award for the third brother who also died from infected blood products.

William Murphy died two months ago from a liver tumour which he developed as a result of contracting Hepatitis C virus from infected blood products.

Mr Murphy, a former accountant for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, was one of 12 men with haemophilia who have died in the past year from the virus, it was revealed this week. Until 1985 donated blood was not

screened for HIV or Hepatitis. Doctors say up to 2,500 more sufferers may have contracted Hepatitis C and up to 400,000 non-haemophiliacs may have contracted the virus from blood transfusions or using contaminated hypodermic needles.

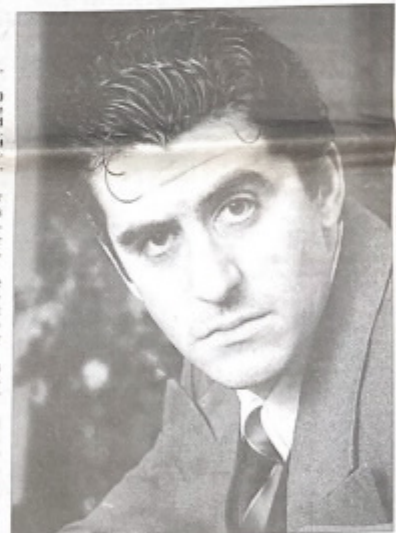
Mr Murphy's two younger brothers - whose families wish to remain anonymous - died in 1989 and 1990 after contracting HIV from contaminated blood.

Their families have already won financial redress from the government as part of a £42m out-of-court settlement in 1990 for HIV-affected haemophiliacs.

But the government has refused to extend the settlement to their older brother and others like him.

Campaigners have vowed to take up Mr Murphy's case. Mr Murphy's son Greg, who lives in Walton, Liverpool, last night demanded an investigation from the Department of Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley.

A Department spokesman confirmed there were no plans to extend the compensation scheme.



□ Greg Murphy - demanding an investigation by Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley
Picture: FRANK LOUGHLIN

Missing man safety fears

POLICE are becoming increasingly concerned for the safety of a man who has not been seen for three days.

Paul St James Downes vanished after leaving his South Liverpool home late on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 16.

The 40-year-old is known to be depressed, and anyone who has seen him is urged to contact Admiral Street police station in Toxteth.

When last seen, Mr Downes was white and around 5ft 10in-tall was wearing a black polo-neck sweatshirt, black jogging bottoms and a heavy green anorak.

£14m to be spent on housing estate facelift

By David Banks
Daily Post Staff

A £14m FACELIFT for a run-down housing estate was announced yesterday.

The cash will transform the Grasmere and Greenwood estate in Oxford, Warrington.

Around 2,000 people live on the estate and the four-year project is the result of a partnership between the Government, Warrington Borough Council and the Grosvenor and Muir Housing Associations.

Announcing the project yesterday, Environment Minister Sir Paul Beresford, said: "This is an excellent example of how local people can benefit from the partnership between public and

private sector organisations. "Residents have already played a significant role in creating the sort of scheme they believe will improve their everyday lives," he added.

"In addition, the new job and training opportunities which the refurbishment and building work will provide are major opportunities for people to stay involved."

The scheme will improve 345 of the 469 houses on the estate which was built between 1965 and 1974, as well as all 366 low-rise flats.

The improvements will also include demolition of 206 flats and maisonettes.

New lighting will be provided, as well as play areas, traffic-calming measures and remodelled roads and footpaths.

After the demolition of the 206 flats and maisonettes, the site will be redeveloped by the Muir Housing Association, the Grosvenor Housing Association and Lovell Partnerships, who will build 39 homes for sale, 86 for rent, 30 for shared ownership and 10 self-build.

It is estimated that the work will create 30 permanent jobs and 60 training places.