



CJD Compensation

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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De Patricia,

Re: My constituent, Mrs [GRO-A]

I have been in correspondence with the Department of Health before about this case. Mrs [GRO-A]'s son, [GRO-A] has CJD and is cared for at home. She is separated from her husband and has another daughter, Victoria who is 24 years old. They are currently living in a property which is totally unsuitable for [GRO-A]'s needs and they desperately need to move. She has recently had a meeting with a Solicitor from Charles Russell who look after the Trust and one of the Trustees, [GRO-A] along with her own solicitor, David Body from Irwin Mitchell.

Mrs [GRO-A] is trying to get some help from the Trust to buy a house which would be suitable for all their needs but has been told the Trust wasn't designed to look after CJD sufferers as when it was initially set up no one affected with this disease survived. I understand there are now five living cases of CJD, her son being one of them.

She is anxious to know whether the Department of Health who set up the Trust would look again at how the money is being implemented as the circumstances have changed. If the money is not there to look after people like [GRO-A] what is the money being used for? Is there money available for housing?

I would be grateful for your help and comments on this case.

Yours

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