

Transcript of email sent to Professor Fenton, Public Health England, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

Hello Professor Fenton

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Re: Making an impact on the public's health and wellbeing in England

[http://www.emsenate.nhs.uk/downloads/documents/clinical%20senate/prevention\\_events/Professor%20Kevin%20Fenton-%20Making%20an%20impact.pdf](http://www.emsenate.nhs.uk/downloads/documents/clinical%20senate/prevention_events/Professor%20Kevin%20Fenton-%20Making%20an%20impact.pdf)

Please excuse this unsolicited contact from a former healthcare professional, a disabled veteran of the (W)RAF Medical branch and an independent disability studies researcher working in a voluntary capacity.

I note the above 2016 PHE report and would alert you to the attached published documents, following ten years of independent research, regarding the preventable harm created for public health by the adoption of social policies of various UK governments, when influenced by corporate America since 1992, which were guaranteed to cause death, despair and preventable harm to many. And so they have.

The book '*Cash Not Care: the planned demolition of the UK welfare state*' was published in Sept 2016 and has gained wide-spread critical acclaim.

It is now added to various university libraries and is recommended reading for university social policy courses.

See: <https://www.independentliving.co.uk/guest-blog/cash-not-care-reviewed/>  
and: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cash-Not-Care-planned-demolition/dp/178507783X>

I note from the above link that you identified that '*our health is impacted by a range of wider determinants*'(10), which are then listed, but didn't include the impact of the preventable harm caused by relentless DWP tyranny against those in greatest need, as demonstrated in the attached published research reports, and in the seminar presentation given at the University of Liverpool, now also attached FYI.

See: Demonising disabled people: public behaviour and attitudes during welfare reforms

Welfare Conditionality: sanctions, support and behaviour change

The University of York

<http://www.welfareconditionality.ac.uk/2017/07/demonising-disabled-people-public-behaviour-and-attitudes-during-welfare-reforms/>

The above PHE report identifies with '*health related worklessness*' (12) but fails to identify with the impact of the relentless DWP coercion and intimidation, as directed at all claimants of disability benefits in hostile letters from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) sent to anyone in receipt of government disability funding; including disabled War Pensioners despite the fact that a War Pension is not a benefit but, clearly, the Veterans' Agency resent funding it.

Since the adoption of austerity measures in 2010 by the Coalition government all communications from the DWP have included coercion and intimidation, with letters that

usually include at least two paragraphs threatening ‘sanctions’ and the removal of all income if claimants fail to adhere to DWP demands. All evidence of humanity and empathy has been successfully removed from the DWP, as they copy the practices of ‘disability denial’ as advised by Unum Insurance – government advisers on ‘welfare claims management’. Linda Nee is an American consultant and reports on this often. Her commentary last October regarding the disability denial process employed by Unum Insurance is demonstrably recreated in the UK, via the DWP.

See: Unum is now out of control

<https://lindanee.wordpress.com/2018/10/15/unum-is-now-out-of-control/>

The DWP commissioned research used to justify the adoption of a ‘*non-medical*’ assessment model for disability benefit claimants has been totally discredited by academic excellence, and academic research has warned against the preventable harm created by the flawed DWP assessment, which is negatively impacting on public mental health.

See: Blaming the victim, all over again: Waddell and Aylward’s biopsychosocial (BPS) model of disability

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0261018316649120>

‘First do no harm’: are disability assessments associated with trends in mental health?

A longitudinal ecological study.

<https://livrepository.liverpool.ac.uk/3000951/>

There are various published academic papers demonstrating the ongoing preventable harm created by the hostility imposed by the DWP on all claimants of disability benefit, and this is having a demonstrable negative impact as sanctioned claimants can and do die from starvation.

What does the DWP suppose happens if the only income a chronically ill person has is removed for three months because the ‘bus was late, and the claimant was five minutes late for an appointment with the Jobcentre? Some of them die from starvation, in C21st UK, as not everyone has devoted families to help them and not everyone can navigate to a food bank, where food is only provided for three days. What happens after three days... ???!

I believe the attached evidence should be considered by PHE, and the preventable harm knowingly and intentionally created by recent social policies, influenced by corporate America, should be stopped.

There seems little point in PHE identifying how to improve public mental health if the DWP is working to enforce a public health crisis.

There is little point attempting to promote positive mental health when the DWP are doing all they can to terrorise those in greatest need, and justify it by grand speeches making claims that just aren’t true. Iain Duncan Smith excelled at it, which led the tabloids to publishing banner headlines announcing that 75% of disability benefit claimants were bogus; and they all sat back and watched as prosecuted disability hate crimes, including murder, increased by 213% when Duncan Smith was the Secretary of State for the DWP.

Given the content, I can make no apology for the length of this email and I trust this contact is welcome.

The attached evidence, I hope, will be cause for very serious concern as you realise that the DWP are working against PHE, and the inevitable human consequences are disregarded.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss the attached evidence further, but be advised that senior Conservative MPs have contacted websites that promote my work and attempted to 'incentivise' them not to publish the research. I believe this is sinister.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
Mo Stewart

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Author of '*Cash Not Care: the planned demolition of the UK welfare state*'. New Generation Publishing 2016

<https://www.mostewartresearch.co.uk>

[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mo\\_Stewart/publications](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mo_Stewart/publications)

#### Attachments to email:

State Crime by Proxy: Corporate influence on state sanctioned social harm

The Journal of Critical Psychology, Counselling and Psychiatry – Dec 2018

<https://www.mostewartresearch.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JCPCP-18-4-M-Stewart-article.pdf>

21<sup>st</sup> Century Welfare: Understanding the Present

Transcript of seminar presentation – Liverpool University

AHPB Magazine for *Self & Society* Journal – Dec 2018

<https://ahpb.org/index.php/nl-2019-1-05-mo-stewart-2/>

Psychological tyranny prescribed by the DWP: preventable harm is government policy

British Journal of General Practice – Dec 2018

<https://bjgp.org/content/68/677/579>

Preventable Harm and the Work Capability Assessment

The Centre for Welfare Reform – Aug 2018

<https://www.centreforwelfarereform.org/library/by-az/preventable-harm-and-the-wca.html>

Redacted reply to John Herron - DWP Ministerial Correspondence Team Manager

Mo Stewart – March 2018

<https://www.mostewartresearch.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Redacted-reply-DWP-Ministerial-Correspondence-Team-Manager.pdf>