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Sir,

An injured person, whose life has been shattered by someone else's negligence, has a right to expect full and fair redress.

It seems grossly unfair, therefore, that the Ministry of Justice has proposed changes to 'no win, no fee' to make the innocent victim pay some of his legal costs out of his compensation.

The purpose of damages is not to cover legal costs, and nor should it be. Damages are carefully calculated to compensate a victim after he has been caused a needless injury.

I am deeply concerned, as are many members of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) that these proposals may restrict 'no win, no fee' in a way which could prevent an injured person, whose case is complicated, from being able to bring a claim in the first place.

What has happened in society to make people think that it is acceptable for one person to negligently injure another and not be held fully accountable?

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