



Letter to the editor  
Various local and national newspapers

Sir,

An injured person, whose life has been shattered through no fault of his own, has a right to expect fair and proper redress.

Some of the most vulnerable people in our society rely on bringing claims for compensation in order to help put their shattered lives back together.

After all, the purpose of insurers collecting premiums in the first place is to pay out in the event of such claims.

But the notion that we have a so-called “compensation culture” is untrue and has been dismissed over recent years as a myth by opinion-formers. Even Lord Young, asked to look into the issue by the Prime Minister, wrote in his report *Common Sense, Common Safety*, that the so-called compensation culture is “perception rather than reality”.

In any sensible, balanced debate about the personal injury system, the rights of vulnerable people must not be forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

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