



Re: Greedy lawyers blamed as 'cash for crash' scams boom (*London Evening Standard*, 11 October 2011)

Cash for crash is a crime and the people who are involved in it should rightly be punished. But to link lawyers with such activities, when according to this article no solicitors have even been arrested in connection with this scam, is utterly deplorable.

Furthermore, Detective Chief Inspector Chalmers's suggestion, that a whiplash claim can result in a solicitor typically obtaining "anything between £6,000 and £9,000", is completely untrue.

The majority of these cases are run through an electronic portal, which was designed to help keep costs down. Solicitors receive nothing like the sums of money he has mentioned.

In any sensible debate about our compensation system, it is important that myths are not perpetuated. Instead, what is needed in the fight against fraud is for insurers to take a lead in helping combat it.

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