



Re: 'Compensation culture blamed for council pay-outs of £100k' (*Cambridge News* 13 October 2011)

The so-called "compensation culture" 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 it is a "perception rather than reality".

It is difficult to see how Cllr Geoffrey Heathcock can describe the pursuit of justice as an "abuse of process".

A person whose life has been shattered by an injury caused by someone else's negligence is rightly entitled to pursue a claim for compensation to help put his life back together.

Unfortunately it seems there is a fundamental lack of understanding about the need for an injured person to find justice, and of the personal injury system in general.

The truth is, if more care was taken to protect people from needless injury, the less need there would be for litigation in the first place.

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