



Letters to the editor
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Sir,

Re your story: Today, children, we're going on a trip... to the playground

Is Frank Furedi really suggesting that, for the good of society, people who have been needlessly injured in hospitals and schools should have no course of redress?

We've all read reports about children who have been brain-damaged at birth; about patients who have had the wrong limb or organ removed in surgery, and about children who have been needlessly injured at school.

How are people who have suffered needless pain or whose lives have been shattered by injuries which are completely avoidable supposed to look after themselves without financial help? How will they pay for the day to day nursing care they may need, or the adaptations which may have to be made to their homes? What would be the cost to the state and society if money was not available to help them?

Compensation is not available for any old mishap. It is only available in cases of needless injury where negligence is proven. If more time were to be spent on dealing with the negligence which causes these injuries, there would be no need for compensation in the first place.



In talking about his report, Frank Furedi has suggested that it should be considered 'morally wrong' to sue for compensation in the public sector. I would suggest that it should be considered morally wrong for people working in the public sector to cause needless injury to people in their care, and then to leave those injured people to try to fend for themselves afterwards.

Yours sincerely,

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