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Re: Half of people living with dementia risk malnutrition

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Patients with dementia who suffer the indignity of needless neglect are first failed by the healthcare system then the legal system.

Some hospital or care home patients with dementia, or their families, try to seek compensation usually out of sheer principle, as recompense rarely amounts to more than a few hundred pounds. But reforms to the no-win no-fee system last year shifted some of the cost of bringing a case from the wrongdoer onto the injured person. By the time these costs are paid, there is often little point in pursuing redress in these cases and many law firms simply cannot afford to run them. Dementia patients and their families are now forced to just accept their lot without access to justice.

Warnings that some injured people would suffer injustices because of the reforms fell on deaf ears. Their only hope is that this problem is cut off at the source, and some real change is brought to end the neglect of vulnerable elderly people.

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