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Daily Express (Scotland) re: Keith Aitken's column

Of course, it is entirely Abbie Wallis's choice whether or not to pursue some sort of restitution for the tragic death of her daughter Keane. Who of us can say what we would do in similar circumstances? But Keith Aitken's suggestion (8 May) that people who do choose to search for redress are undignified is insensitive, and could be very damaging.

Negative comments about compensation, borne of ignorance, can, and do, discourage genuine injured or bereaved people from seeking the justice to which they are entitled, and which they may desperately need.

Some deaths and injuries happen just because someone did not take or could not be bothered to take proper care, rather than through simple misfortune. In these circumstances victims or their families have the right to claim compensation, if they wish, to help put their lives back on track. This is a basic right and should never be disputed in a civilised society.

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