

Impact of the Case on Me

404. I cannot believe what my family and I have been through after having raised serious patient safety issues about an Intensive Care Unit about 8 years ago, and then challenging objectively flawed investigations that failed not only me, but also the public interest. I have then faced detrimental treatment for doing this. In addition, I spent 4 years of my life defending the statutory protection for the nation's doctors when they blow the whistle from attempts (funded by the taxpayer) to undermine it.

Unsurprisingly, all of this has come at a huge cost to me and my family. The settlement agreement in my previous claim that apparently has been properly made has deprived me and my family of any justice for the loss of my career.

405. This present case is therefore not about justice for me and my family for the loss of my career. It is about attempts to undermine my reputation by preventing the disclosures I had raised being understood by the public, press and MPs. 406. The actions of the Respondents in their reactions to the issues that I had raised had meant the destruction of my career; and then for them to further undermine my professional and personal reputation to such an extent, could make it likely that many will not listen to a word I say about anything ever again.

407. I have been in an unimaginably difficult situation for 8 years since I first raised my disclosures, during which senior people have chosen not only to ignore what I raised but have actively opted to damage me and conceal the issues. The public statements forming the subject of this case are yet a further example of the detriments that I have been subjected to over the last 8 years.

408. This Tribunal will be fully aware of what happens time after time to Claimants that bring whistleblowing cases against senior and established interests. To some extent this Tribunal may also be aware of the speak up culture in the NHS. The toxic speak up culture in the NHS has been documented in scandal after scandal with the latest being the maternity scandal at Shrewsbury and Telford. This Tribunal will therefore be more than able to understand the pressure that me and my family have been under over the last 8 years. I hope it is clear from what I have set out, that I have raised serious issues that deserve proper consideration.