

# **Baby Made Deaf by MMR is Refused Compensation for NOT Being Disabled ENOUGH!**



By Christina England

It has now been proven that the 'Vaccine Damage Payments Unit' (VDPU) not only cherry pick who they award compensation to, depending on the level of disability but also change their rules to suit their needs, as they go along.

**K**atie Stephen has been left permanently and profoundly deaf in her left ear as a result of receiving the now banned MMR vaccine, Pluserix. Despite her injury however, Katie has been refused compensation for her disability because the VDPU deems her to be less than 60% disabled.

Katie Stephen was a healthy baby girl when she was injected with the

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MMR triple vaccine. Ten days later she was vomiting, delirious, screamed continually and was feverish with an inflamed left tympanic membrane and a sore throat, all signs that Katie may have been suffering from encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) a condition known to cause deafness.

## **KATIE COULD NOT HEAR SOUNDS**

I asked Mrs. Stephen, Katie's mother, just how her daughter's disability had affected her. Mrs Stephen told me that her daughter had endured many difficulties during her lifetime, these include not being able to play with, or understand, many toys and having to give up the violin because it is played on the left side of the head and Katie could not hear the sounds, she told me that Katie was often bullied and felt very left out because she could not always understand what was going on, often finding many situations just too distressing to cope with. She said:

*"Katie, as with most people who suffer from SSD (Single Sided Deafness) cannot determine the direction of a sound and this was a great hazard when she was smaller and she needed constant supervision and support for much longer than*

*most children would do. In certain environments where a lot of noise is generated and the acoustics are bad, such as in swimming pools, pleasure parks, funfairs, cinemas and gymnasiums, larger cities etc., Katie becomes effectively stone deaf. She cannot attend discos or loud concerts and has on many occasions had to leave functions where the sound levels were loud and distressed her. This of course also led to social isolation at a time when most of her peers were disco mad."*

So what constitutes 60% disability and who makes up these ridiculous guidelines in the first place?

## **VACCINES INJURY**

A vaccine injury is a vaccine injury, period! This means that a person, in this case a child, has been damaged by a vaccine, sanctioned by their government and authorized as safe. Katie was given a vaccine that left her with a permanent life long disability. The definition of the word 'disability', means that a person has a physical or mental condition which seriously inhibits their ability to interact with others and enjoy life to the full? Katie has adapted her world to fit the requirements of the hearing world. She has had to make huge sacrifices such as forgoing a normal teenage life, enjoying parties, trips to the

fairground and cinema: is this not disability enough to satisfy the VDPUs?

Apparently not! They appear to have no problem accepting that the MMR vaccine caused Katie's disability, as they stated this in their letter to Katie regarding their decision. They said:

- It has been accepted that, on the balance of probability, vaccination has caused/contributed to Katie Stephen's disablement.
- The overall evidence suggests that the MMR vaccine given, which contained the Urabe strain of attenuated mumps virus was biologically capable of causing sensori-neural deafness. This vaccine was subsequently removed from use.
- Katie was well when given her vaccination on 09/12/1991 and on 22/12/1991 had an inflamed tympanic membrane. Health Visitor records confirmed hearing loss on left side at 18 month assessment, when previous tests were normal. Katie was diagnosed with sensori-neural deafness in 1996.
- On the balance of probabilities, it is more likely than not, that the sensori-neural deafness of the left ear was caused by the MMR vaccine. So, no problem there then but then they add:

*"However, it has not been accepted that disablement resulting from vaccination is severe (i.e. at least 60%)"*

On their website the VDPUs say: What counts as severely disabled? Disablement is worked out as a percentage, and 'severe disablement' means at least 60 per cent disabled. This could be a mental or physical disablement.

For example, total loss of sight or hearing is usually counted as 100 per cent.

Katie is profoundly deaf in one ear and has suffered social isolation, bullying and has missed out on vital childhood and teenage activities. Does this not constitute as 60% disability?

In their letter to Katie the VDPUs use

the words 'on the balance of probabilities' and 'it is more than like than not', very strange wording considering the VDPUs, the UK government and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) knew without a doubt that the MMR vaccine had a history of causing deafness in some children.

### MMR HAD HISTORY OF CAUSING DEAFNESS

In 1993 Barbara J A Stewart and P Umesh Prabhu wrote a paper entitled 'Reports of sensorineural deafness after measles, mumps and rubella immunization' (1)



Katie aged 4 suffered hearing loss

In their paper Stewart and Prabhu outlined 9 cases where deafness had been diagnosed soon after the MMR vaccine had been given. They wrote:

There have been nine reports of sensorineural hearing loss after measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) immunisation.

They continued outlining case 9 specifically. They wrote:

**Case 9** had a natural mumps infection despite immunization. This illustrates the devastating effect of the natural mumps virus and that vaccine efficacy must be considered in addition to reactogenicity. No other child had acute viral titres measured, so other ototoxic viruses were not excluded. To doctors, the effects of congenital rubella, measles and mumps infection are well recognised.

Mumps causes deafness in 50-230 per million cases. One third of parents, seen as part of the nationwide follow up of vaccine associated meningoencephalitis, were unaware of this risk of natural mumps (Dr Stewart and Dr Prabhu, in preparation).

Another paper by G A Westmore, B H Pickard and H Stern (2) also described a case where a 26 year old patient went deaf two days after contracting mumps naturally.

Westmore et al said that due to the fact that this patient had received ear surgery the previous year the hospital immediately took samples of fluid from the middle ear and found that the sample grew the mumps virus.

Was it then possible that Pluserix had caused susceptible children to contract a mumps like infection and if so, had samples of fluid been taken from the middle ear of these children, would these samples also have grown the mumps virus? This is certainly something to think about, after all Dr Andrew Wakefield found that the children that he had studied who had become autistic with bowel disease following the MMR had the measles virus in their guts.

I feel that this is especially relevant when we examine the history of the Pluserix vaccine.

### CANADA WITHDREW VACCINE

The Pluserix MMR vaccine was originally introduced to the UK in 1988. Unlike Merck's MMR vaccine, MMR11, Pluserix, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, contained the Urabe mumps strain of the mumps virus. Due to the growing concerns about the vaccines safety, Pluserix was later removed from the market in 1992. Interestingly, however, Pluserix was first manufactured as Trivirix in Canada who withdrew the vaccine from use the same year as it was introduced to the UK vaccine schedule in 1988, Despite knowing this, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization still went ahead and introduced the vaccine into the UK with its new name Pluserix, that same year. Sadly and tragically history repeated itself

and on September 14th 1992 Trivirix/Pluserix was withdrawn from use in the UK. (3)

Changing a vaccine's name will never change the background history of that vaccine. GlaxoSmithKline knew that Trivirix had problems because they knew that the mumps virus had been previously isolated from the cerebrospinal fluid of eight patients who acquired meningitis within 4 weeks of vaccination with the live Trivirix vaccine that contains mumps (Urabe Am 9), measles (Schwarz) and rubella (RA 27/3) viruses. (4) Was this why when they introduced this vaccine into the UK they changed its name to Pluserix? I feel sure in my own mind that this was the case.

**Despite background evidence** surrounding the Trivirix/Pluserix story the UK government still lied and backed up their beloved GSK. In a letter written to Mrs Steven from Kent Woods the MHRA CEO, Woods stated:

### UK GOVERNMENT LIED

*"In relation to your concern whether any clinical trials were performed on Pluserix, I can confirm that clinical trials are conducted by the manufacturer or a representative of a manufacturer, and are scrutinised by the relevant regulatory body prior to licensure. This is the standard operating procedure of all medicinal products. Trivirix and Pluserix have the same components and the same manufacturer. The regulatory body at the time would have taken this, and any other clinical evidence submitted in support of the Pluserix application, into consideration when evaluating the risk/benefit ratio of Pluserix."*

I bet he can because according to evidence that I have uncovered, Mr Woods worked for 27yrs for GSK! (5)

This is not all, the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation who sanction vaccines in the UK have also been found to have close alliances with GSK. In 2010 the Sunday Express (6) revealed the following:

Inquiries by the Sunday Express have revealed that at least two members received grants or travel

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fees from Wyeth and Merk, two vaccine manufacturers.

Another carries out research funded by Sanofi Pasteur, while several have paid consultancy posts from pharmaceutical companies such as Merk, GlaxoSmithKline, Roche and Novartis.

**Research also revealed that the JCVI covered up risks over the controversial measles, mumps and rubella jab.**

According to a secret dossier, five cases of potentially deadly brain inflammation were reported following the use of MMR in Canada before it became part of standard childhood vaccinations in Britain.

This certainly puts a new slant as to why the VDPU have decided to use the 60% disability rule to decide on whether they will pay out compensation. So just how do they decide on how disabled a child is? To measure a disability the VDPU use the 'Industrial Injury criteria' to measure the degree of disability a child is and whether or not they meet the 60% disability criteria.

In another letter to Katie they wrote:

*"The severity of disablement in individual cases is assessed on the same basis as that for the Industrial Injuries Disablement Scheme, which is widely accepted as a test of severity."*

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Obtaining compensation from the UK government has never been an easy task. The fight for compensation for vaccine damaged children began

in 1973 by Rosemary Fox MBE.

In Rosemary Fox's book (7) we begin to see how her fight for change began.

*"In September 1962, Rosemary Fox took her eight-month-old daughter Helen to the doctor's to be vaccinated against polio; blissfully unaware that she was condemning her happy, healthy baby to a life of sickness and convulsions. In 1973, when Helen was assessed as having the mental age of just three, Rosemary began a campaign for compensation for vaccine damaged children. It would take 27 years.*

*Back in 1973, the British Governments view was that the severe damage caused to some children by smallpox, polio, or measles vaccinations was a small price from freedom of disease, and those cases received little publicity. Rosemary and 600 families with whom she formed The Association of Parents of Vaccine Damaged Children were condemned for causing the public to question the safety of vaccination."*

Rosemary Fox did manage to implement change but many letters were exchanged between Rosemary's organisation and the UK government for years before this ever took place. The content of these letters were at times heated and what went on internally was little more than criminal.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

I will begin with a few quotes from a letter (8) written by Mr R P Pole to a Mr Foster on 26th July 1976. Mr Pole was a member of the JCVI and represented the Department of Health, the letter was headed - Mrs Fox's claim to the European Commission on Human Rights.

In his letter Mr Pole was discussing a meeting he was about to attend between Department of Health lawyers, the Foreign Office lawyer and Parliamentary Council.

In Point 3 he says:

*"Can we produce an example of a consent form actually in use. Do different authorities have different*



ways of getting consent?"

Interesting phrasing don't you agree, especially as he worked for the Department of Health and represented them in meetings of the JCVI? It appears from his comment that Mr Pole had no clue as to whether consent forms even existed, let alone how they may be implemented.

The next point I would like to highlight in this very interesting letter is point 5, he says:

*"To what extent do we dispute what Mrs Fox claims? We should consider her case sentence by sentence?"*

Well, that would certainly be a good place to start, don't you agree? The icing on the cake however, was what he wrote next.

*"Do we admit any part of her claim?"* This for me highlights the lies and sheer arrogance of what goes on behind closed doors. It is this kind of despicable behaviour that parents of vaccine injured children are really fighting.

### UK GOVERNMENT KNEW VACCINE WAS UNSAFE IN 1998

To find out exactly what Rosemary Fox claimed you will need to read my article entitled 'Vaccines have destroyed lives for decades and the UK Government tried to cover it up.' (9)

Many children vaccinated with Pluserix suffered severe side effects including, mumps, meningitis and encephalitis. It is a recognised fact that encephalitis can lead to deafness. Effectively, Katie was damaged by a vaccine that was known to the government in 1988 to be unsafe but this government decided to vaccinate children as young as 13 months old with it anyway. Not only that but when Pluserix was advertised to GP's in the medical journals, it was not advertised with the 'black triangle' status symbol. All new vaccines and drugs should have what is known as

the 'Black Triangle' status. The black triangle is a standard symbol added to the vaccine or drug's product information during the early stages of use. It is used to warn doctors that they are using a new product to encourage vigilance and reporting of all suspected adverse reactions during the early stages. If a doctor, nurse or pharmacist suspects an adverse reaction has occurred when they have been using a black triangle product, they should report it to the Committee on Safety of Medicines immediately, by using the Yellow Card spontaneous reporting scheme. This system is designed to pick up unexpected problems or rare side effects. It was this system which led to the withdrawal of two brands of MMR vaccine, which used a particular strain (Urabe) mumps virus in their manufacturing process. Post marketing surveillance determined an unacceptable risk of vaccine-related encephalitis, which in turn led to MMR vaccines containing the Urabe mumps strain to be discontinued in 1992.

### UNACCEPTABLE TREATMENT

When asked who is responsible for giving drugs and vaccines the black triangle status, the MHRA replied that it was the pharmaceutical industry. This means that GSK did not comply with the guidelines set out to ensure the public's safety regarding this vaccine.

Despite this evidence, Caroline Flint, Minister of State, stated this in a letter to Sir Robert Smith MP:

*"The data from Canada pointed to a risk of around one case of mild self limiting mumps virus meningitis per one hundred thousand distributed doses. It was acknowledged at the time but was not considered sufficiently robust for action to be taken other than heightened post marketing surveillance - as was put in place."*

Not without the black triangle it isn't and she knows this!

It is totally unacceptable that Katie has been treated in this way. It is

about time this whole situation was resolved and Katie received the compensation she deserves. She was vaccinated with a vaccine that was dangerous, unsafe and should never have been authorised in the first place. Just to make things worse GSK did not comply with safety regulations required for all new drugs and vaccines. It does not matter what degree of disability this child suffered, she was injured by a unsafe previously banned vaccine. For goodness sake, if it was a car taken off the road for causing a small child to be injured there would be a public outrage.

I would like to thank Wendy Stephen, Katie's mother for providing me with the documents and letters to enable me to expose this issue.

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