

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE 2023

Complaint Regarding the Due Process Shown Assessing Duty to House

To whom it may concern,

This complaint is regarding the way the assessment was carried out to see if Suffolk Council (SC) has a Duty to House me.

I cannot stress how serious this complaint is. The level of the blatantly unjust and biased way this assessment, which basically is a live or death decision for the person being assessed, is beyond imagination.

What is of further, if not far greater concern, is that a Housing Officer has no concerns presenting such an assessment and if one Housing Officer is guilty of such a transgression of Duty it means there is a greater than not chance that this is actually an unofficial policy of SC to minimise, by extreme measures, the number of people that SC has to provide help - which, of course, is done for no other reason than to ensure that SC reduces the amount of money such help costs.

The assessment results I was present with was, to say the least, one sided. To go further I wish to official state that the Officer only sort out information to allow a negative decision. Any information that would show that SC does have a Duty was deliberately ignored.

When I contacted SC to report as homeless it was when I was living with my parents only for my "mental health", and whatever other factors that one would have to ask Colin (my father) contributed to my parents making the decision to make me homeless.

SC required only one thing to confirm this. That was for one of the council staff to speak directly to Colin and for Colin to tell them that yes, he was choosing to make his son homeless. There was no other information required, such as, how long had I been living there or how long, if my "mental health" was a problem I would be living there.

Yet, my Housing Officer decided not to accept this was where I was made homeless and that it was some two months early from Winchester City Council (WCC). This decision was a purely arbitrary one taken by the Housing Officer to allow the Officer the chance to show I had made myself Intentional Homeless. This decision in of itself is, to be blunt, absolutely disgusting. An assessment shown follow a process of logic. It should not even be possible for a Housing Officer to make such a decision as the assessment protocol should have policies and procedures in place to prevent such things happening.

When I met all three people responsible in SC for my Duty to House I was clear, from the start, that for the five years WCC had a Duty of Care over me, WCC allowed me to be subjected to Harassment, Discrimination, Hate and such a serious Threat to Life I was too scared to leave my home from June 2022 to January 2023 after being assaulted in a local park, and due to the lie I had been forced to live under from the very first day I moved into Temporary Accommodation that I was a Pedo, I was told by my assailant that I would never be safe if I left my home. I was told that every bone in my body would be broken with a crowbar. I was also told that it didn't matter if it was day time or if there was people around. It was made clear that I would never be safe outside my home. I was then told, sometime later, that my assailant was making a point of coming to the road I lived on, at least once a day, to see if he could catch me outside to carry out his threat. I have all of this as an audio recording, which means it is evidence and not just hearsay.

I told SC that these events, and all of the others of which there is a great number ranging from Verbal Abuse, Criminal Damage, a four hour assault on my home by someone trying to gain access to carry out yet another Threat to Life, I have actual evidence of.

I also told them that each and every incident had been reported to WCC, only for WCC to do absolutely nothing.

Then there was the Bulling / Harassment / Intimidation / Discrimination / Hate that was shown to me by the staff of WCC. Once again I have actual evidence of each one and each one was reported to the Council and the Police.

WCC response to each and every event was simple to ignore my complaints. As to the why / how the Council could deal with such a prolonged, serious and significant number of complaints by just ignoring them took me a long time to figure out.

WCC, like I believe all Councils are, is a self regulatory organisation. The only way that someone could deal with the Council ignoring all these complaints is if the victim takes the Council to Court.

This information allowed me to discover that the Council is guilty of an even more serious issue - the deliberate abuse of those of us whom are the most vulnerable and damaged members of society, whom are largely reliant on the person whom is abusing them for help. These people, such as myself, are so consumed with dealing with just the difficulty of surviving day to day that the process required to take the Council to Court is near on impossible.

The other salient piece of information is that as more time passed and more events occurred there becomes less chance of WCC allowing one complaint to be processed as it would then mean that all of the other ones, that where deliberately ignored, would come to light.

Having told the three Housing People of SC all of this - and presenting to them my evidence consisting of documents, videos and audio - I made a serious mistake. I thought that being given such evidence would mean that SC would view anything WCC said about me as dubious at best or a blatant lie to keep covered the five years of Institutional Abuse I suffered due to the total and utter misconduct shown by WCC.

Yet, when I was told on Friday the result of SC Housing assessment I was told the decision was based purely and solely on information gathered from WCC. At no point did SC make any allowance for WCC presenting miss-information, even though I presented evidence that WCC was guilty of the incredible serious crime that meant they purged themselves when taking me to Court, a fact WCC went to great length to hide as the last thing WCC wanted was for me to show all my evidence of gross misconduct to a Judge, to get an eviction, which was illegal.

The only source of information was supplied by WCC. At no point did SC ask me to provide evidence in the same way that they asked WCC. SC basically took a very deliberate and calculated decision to exclude me, and thus the five years of evidence that I have collated, in order to ensure that SC could present me with a decision to house me that was negative.

Given all the horrors that I have been exposed to over these last five years, I am still having significant difficulty in processing that an official assessment can be so tainted that to anyone whom looks at it they will also believe that the assessment is so unjust / biased / bent that it would be, if not for the life and death result it allowed, torn in half and completely ignored. Or, if taken to Court, it would result in the Judge administering a very significant punishment to all of those involved, which thanks to the relative new law of Wilful Neglect may actual result in a criminal punishment.

By making their decision without my evidence, it means that they only way I can present my evidence is by making an Appeal against the Decision. This allows SC to put a three week time restraint on me to give my evidence, as well as get the additional evidence my housing officer said I needed to present.

At no time would the officer tell me if any of the evidence would be enough to get the decision changed.

Neither did the Officer tell me, with this new information about WCC, that they would go back to WCC and seek to see if the information WCC presented was true and accurate, or if WCC only provided information that could be used against me.

Now we have to take all of the above, and view it through the Autistic Lens, after all UK law states that events have to be seen through the eyes of the one with the Protected Characteristics.

In order for me to do this it is going to take me writing anywhere from two to four additional pages of text. Which means I am going to have to do it as a separate document supplied later.

Now to the important part. Given the unbelievable level of bias shown with this assessment I am demanding that this assessment is inapplicable.

I am requesting that a new housing officer be assigned to my case and that the assessment process starts again. Obviously this new Officer is to have read the Statutory Guidance for LAs that is a legal requirement thanks to The Autism Act, 2009.

Given that I was made homeless by my own father it will negate the need for any further investigation, as I did not intentionally make myself homeless. It was due to my parents inability to accept my mental health issues and any other problems, such as their own guilt for leaving their son to die a number of times.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Edgley', with a horizontal line underneath.