

SUBMISSION FROM MATTHEW FRIESS

I would like to thank the committee for keeping the issue I raised fresh about young people on D.L.A being refused the financial element of support from the through care and after care.

It was interesting to watch back the evidence given in the two committee meetings after the one I attended on 12/06/12 where senior council officials and even the minister for transport and housing were asked the same question regarding the support being refused, and as you are aware, they all answered that they had never heard of my situation happening anywhere else before. I would like to challenge that as they either were genuinely unaware, or it was false, as it was made clear to me it is in through care and after care legislation, thus meaning the same rules apply across the country, even in some areas where cases like mine have not arisen the fact that it is in the legislation means there will always be a risk there of the same situation occurring.

A number of other issues have also been brought to my attention in that there are some D.W.P benefits being received on top of the basic living allowance which is the financial support element of the TCAAC but not D.L.A, which is out and out discrimination especially as D.L.A is not means tested. I wanted to ask if you could keep me in mind for future committee meetings as i would like to present my findings to the committee, as it also goes against what was said at the previous two meetings. I also have information which also indicates these practices go against leaving care regulations I also feel i can clarify the facts so everyone knows exactly what is going on.

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