

**WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE**

**THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SECURITY IN SCOTLAND**

**WRITTEN SUBMISSION RECEIVED FROM CLAIRE SCHIAVONE**

Please investigate the fate of people suffering chronic pain as they appear to be a particular target for assessors turning them down.

I personally suffer from severe chronic pain and hear from many others.

In Scotland, chronic pain is recognised as a condition in its own right. But is there any sign that the Benefits assessors know this?

It can be life wrecking. But many assessors do not seem to have knowledge of it.