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## **Background - The Countess of Mar**

It is entirely fascinating to witness the latest damaging meddling of the Countess of Mar in health politics.

With this jumped-up old boiler much described as a 'Big Hat, No Cattle' due to her landless unelected peerage and demeanour, let us now turn to take a look at Mar's recent activities in relation to ME/CFS and vaccines.

Patron of the MERGE charity (now trading as ME Research UK), the TYMES Trust and the 25% ME Group charity for the severely affected, Mar has recently distinguished herself with her overt support of the [PRIME Project](#) and its promotion of the psychiatric paradigm that has so badly damaged ME/CFS labelled patients.

The PRIME Project is funded by GUS (Great Universal Stores) and promoted by the simply frightful rent-a-mouth Vivienne Parry, close colleague of Professor Simon Wessely. The PRIME Project has given birth to the much questioned Observatory Project, controlled by the disgraced Action for ME (AfME). For details of this charity's activities, see [The AfME Dossier](#).

Not content with her recent overt support of the psychiatric paradigm, the Countess of Mar volubly distinguished herself at the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) meeting on 23 January 2008. When Paul Davis of [RiME](#) (Campaigning for Research into Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) attempted to place the concerns of so many patients regarding the atrocious psychiatric 'CFS/ME' Centres so derided right around the UK in the public domain, the Countess of Mar stomped out of the room declaring, "I'm not listening to this!" So much for the written concerns of patients.

At the APPG meeting on 2 July 2008, Mar has now offered to chair a meeting of the corrupt ME/CFS charities to suggest where common ground might lie, completely omitting to make mention of the charities' ME Alliance sortie that imploded.

Mar was also witnessed tut tutting loudly with opprobrium in public at the House of Lords [Parliamentary Briefing](#) on vaccines delivered by American investigative journalist and best selling author, David Kirby in July.

Yet another example of Mar's activities has been her corrosive involvement in the much derided [Gibson 'Inquiry'](#).

The absolute pinnacle of Mar's involvement with ME/CFS took place in 2005. As a Patron of various of these discredited ME/CFS charities, Mar orchestrated the false arrest of One Click Group Director Jane Bryant in order to try to prevent the pressure group publishing the evidence of their psychiatric collusion that has so badly damaged patients. See the EXTRACT below.

Wherever Mar goes these days, she creates trouble and then swiftly withdraws, leaving purposeful chaos in her wake.

## **The One Click Group**

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### **EXTRACT**

#### **[Freedom Of Information - Police Harassment In The Internet Era](#)**

### **POLICE RAID AND ARREST**

Investigative writer Martin J Walker comments:

*"With the case of Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy, and the arrival of four heavily-protected police officers on Bryant's doorstep one morning in April 2005, the covert nature of this conspiracy changed. For the first time, the State showed its hand clearly in what had up until then been an argument within the ME community."*

In the early hours of the morning on the 26th April 2005, four police officers wearing bullet proof vests barrelled through the front door of Jane Bryant and her son's home waving an arrest warrant and attempted to drag her immediately down to the local police station. [They terrified Bryant and her son](#) (contemporaneous notes of the event). They then forced her to sign a consent form under duress for the seizure and removal of her computer by threatening her with removal of her son by Social Services if she refused. They seized One Click's main computer and kept it for a number of weeks. During this incident police officers also attempted to bulldoze their way into the bathroom where her very ill son was having a wash, forcing him out.

The next day Jane Bryant was arrested at Southall Police Station, her fingerprints and DNA taken and she was subjected to a police interrogation at her local police station. She was also set bail.

Bryant was arrested under the Harassment Act purely for publishing evidence and placing it in the public domain on The One Click Group website. The Harassment Act in Britain was designed to prevent physical stalking, not the prevention of the publication of evidenced material. During Jane Bryant's arrest and interrogation the police officer in charge of the case, one DS Bunkall, stated that the police recognised that using the Harassment Act in this way "was treading a very fine line." Indeed.

Angela Kennedy, a One Click co-worker at that time, was informed by the officer in charge of the case that she also was to be arrested. At no stage was Kennedy informed by the police precisely what the charges were against her. The police messed Kennedy around for several weeks, threatening arrest throughout. In the event, Kennedy's arrest never materialised.

As a direct result of the above police actions, the children of both women suffered severe illness relapse and both were absolutely traumatised by these events, as had been intended.

The above police action against two Mothers and their very ill children was instigated by a disparate, motley and secretive group spearheaded by Jane Colby

of the TYMES Trust (ironically, a charity for Child ME/CFS sufferers) who approached the Southall police and the [Countess of Mar](#), acting as Patron of the ME Research UK (MERGE) who approached the Special Operations police service for the Palace of Westminster police (SO17). Mar was advised by SO17 that there was no criminal case to answer by One Click. Unlike the Palace of Westminster police, the Southall police nonetheless continued with their actions.

As is clear from the documentary evidence in One Click and its solicitor's possession, both complaints were instigated as a result of the devastating, legitimate criticisms of both the ME Research UK and the TYMES Trust charities with regard to their collusion with the psychiatric lobby in the production of the damaging [RCPCH Guidelines](#). Particularly damning is [The Vance Spence/MERGE correspondence](#). Published in December 2004, the RCPCH Guidelines have provided the template for psychiatric abuse of children labelled with the ME/CFS diagnosis and are in fact far worse than the CFS/ME NICE Guidelines published in August 2007 over which so much dissent has been expressed.

We have since found out from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) that the police did not consult them before taking action against Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy, that the allegations made by Colby and Mar et al did not pass the evidential test and that there was no case to answer. In fact, the police did not consult the CPS until May 17th, the day they informed both Bryant and Kennedy that there was no case to answer. Furthermore, it has subsequently materialised that the CPS was never even made aware by the police of Angela Kennedy and any allegations against her.

It is not only repressive human rights regimes that use the police to attempt to suppress the most legitimate information being published on the internet. This is what happens in Britain today when going up against two of the most powerful groups in the world – the psychiatric and pharmaceutical industries.

## **LEGAL COMMENT**

James Saunders, Senior Partner of Saunders Solicitors LLP, said:

*"Having the Crown Prosecution Service available to advise the police at the earliest stages of an inquiry has been put in place and it is indeed strange that the police would not take advantage of this in the circumstances of this case. The object is to make what the police do apposite and here they have raided Jane Bryant's home, caused immense distress to the family and it turns out that it was all a mistake since as the Crown Prosecution Service has stated, no crime had been committed. Had the police followed the correct procedure, they could have saved their time, public money and saved Jane Bryant, Angela Kennedy and their sick children from considerable distress. One must wonder why the police elected to behave in the way that they did."*

## **CONCLUSION**

This story is about the use of undue influence and the persecution of two women and their children by the authorities and others with no just or reasonable cause. Although Jane Colby of the TYMES Trust charity and the Countess of Mar of the ME Research UK charity were the two named proponents in the police harassment, the buttons pressed and the strings pulled in this obscenity run far deeper and wider than this.

It is of importance to remember that these acts against One Click were taken with the pure objective of suppressing the evidence continuously published on the

group's website, no other. That the well-being of two children has also been placed at such grave risk by the behaviour of representatives of organisations claiming to have their best interests at heart compounds the horrific implications.

In countries with repressive human rights regimes, the police are frequently used to brutalise internet publishers into submission. This was done to two women and their children in Britain in 2005.

All is seldom what it seems in ME/CFS world, particularly with these vested interest charities. Beware. Be very careful what you wish for.

### **The One Click Group**

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#### **Information Provided:**

\* [Freedom Of Information - Police Harassment In The Internet Era](#)

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\* [Parents Beware - Countess Of Mar And Charity Rep Jane Colby](#)

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\* [The One Click Group Report - The Gibson 'Inquiry'](#)

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\* [Hannah Poling Autism-Vaccine Case: Implications for ME/CFS labelled patients](#)

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