

Underbelly Health Politics Revealed

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FOREWORD BY MARTIN J. WALKER

Following the publication in 1993 of my book [*Dirty Medicine*](#), which was mainly about the newly emerged Campaign Against Health Fraud, I was subjected to a series of dirty tricks, lawyers' letters and biased newspaper references to my work. Of course, when I reported these to anyone or tried to convince people of the veracity of my case, it was often seen as an extension of either my conspiracy theories or my more personal paranoia.

Twelve years on, with the war against Iraq, with thousands of deaths caused by pharmaceutical drugs, with such scandals as the gathering number of children taken into care by social services for the flimsiest of reasons and with the campaign by vested interests to force through GM crops in Britain, it is possible that we are all somewhat wiser about the nature of conspiracies. You would not have to be politically naïve, however, to be shocked and surprised by the case of Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy. It involves the psychiatric community, undoubtedly one of the most powerful networks in the contemporary developed world, pharmaceutical company agents, including one in particular who has spent the past decade harassing activists and professionals committed to alternative health, and, more unusually, it involves the police.

I well remember the years of investigation into the Metropolitan Police, the drug squad, the porn squad and then the robbery squad. There was always a sense during those enquiries that the truth would emerge and that, on a broader level, new regulations and codes of practice would evolve which would combat such institutional corruption. In a similar way, more recently, revelations of the corruption of pharmaceutical companies and the science of corporate organisations have generated awareness in society of conflicts of interests, which should lead to change.

The one real difference between then and now, however, is that *then* the government were willing to listen and the media invariably enjoyed playing an investigative role, while *now* the government is deeply complicit in spin, and sadly investigative journalism is a dying art.

What has been happening within the world of ME for at least 20 years is worthy of investigation at the highest level, ending in a Royal Commission or a Judicial Inquiry. It involves the creation of fake illness categories in order to hide a massive number of seriously ill patients; the infiltration of voluntary sector

patient groups by pharmaceutical and insurance agents; the abuse of social research methods, particularly epidemiology; lies, propaganda, media spin and stealthy misinformation campaigns against activists.

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.

Jane Bryant was charged with 'harassment', ironically under a law introduced to protect lone women from stalkers. With the law being used to *aid* stalkers and with the State and the NHS prosecuting, the battle to do away with dissent in the ME community has revealed itself as public policy. And when Jane was told by a senior police officer that, while she might not have broken any laws by campaigning for people with ME, she should have 'moderated her language', we know that we have stumbled into the contemporary equivalent of 1984.

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THE ONE CLICK STORY

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INTRODUCTION

What has been done to Jane Bryant and now ex One Click Director Angela Kennedy simply because Bryant and her young son set up the One Click pressure group to campaign for health advocacy issues around the globe defies belief.

Read below how Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy have been harassed, persecuted and threatened. Read of the involvement of Ellen Goudsmit psychologist, MEA Trustee and Medical Adviser Dr Charles Shepherd, Chris Clark, previous Action for ME (AfME) charity Chief Executive and others. The foregoing are familiar faces in the battle for the rights of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) sufferers.

What is simply extraordinary is how events escalated this persecution to an astonishing level involving the police with this destructive campaign spearheaded and orchestrated by **Jane Colby** of the **TYMES Trust** children's charity and the **Countess of Mar**, previously considered to be a stalwart campaigner for ME/CFS sufferers' rights and now a dedicated supporter of the psychosocial PRIME Project, to name but two designated participants.

It is doubtful that Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy's children will ever recover from what has been done to them and their families by these people. Brought up to know right from wrong and with a most effective moral compass, these children will have difficulty with charities, the vested interests of charities, selected doctors (in particular psychiatrists and psychologists), the issue of trust and the police for the rest of their lives.

Jane Bryant and her family wish to thank James Saunders of [Saunders Solicitors LLP](#) and his staff for their invaluable assistance down these many months starting in 2004, for their sound counsel throughout, for the advice that they have provided to One Click on numerous occasions and for the firm's sterling assistance with the police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). Without Saunders Solicitors LLP, it is doubtful that Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy would have survived this ordeal.

Things have moved on apace since those dark days in 2005. In 2007, One Click has readers/contributors from over 100 countries around the world. We have greatly widened our remit to include:

- * Biodefence and Biosecurity
- * Links between governments and the pharmaceutical industry
- * Government agencies such as the CDC, Georgia, USA, NICE UK et al
- * Secrecy of the UK Family Courts
- * Charities' malfeasance exposure
- * Iatrogenic death
- * Vaccine Politics
- * Medical research
- * Health trials, including miscarriages of justice
- * Prions and Prion diseases
- * Controversial illness

We not only break the news these days, we also make it. What was done to One Click directors in 2005 informs the way that the pressure group operates today.

THE ONE CLICK SMEAR CAMPAIGN

As readers will be aware, over the past four years since One Click as a group began, there have been a number of direct personal campaigns of attack upon One Click representatives. This has taken the concept of 'kill the messenger' to new heights. To summarise briefly, these have included (but are not limited to) the following:

Destructive and vicious campaigns of personal denigration of the motives of both Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy have taken place. These have included (but are not limited to) claims, both direct and in the form of innuendo, that we are both mentally unstable, secret agents for the psychiatric lobby, unfit mothers, terrorists and comparable to Al-Qaeda and the far right fascist group, the British National Party. Perpetrators of these claims include the Myalgic 'Encephalopathy' Association charity rep Dr Charles Shepherd, Kate Stewart – the woman who operates under the pseudonym of Margaret Williams, Stephen Ralph, Doris Jones, and various others.

Various attempts have been made on a continuous basis to get the One Click website shut down. The perpetrators of these attempts have included Dr Charles Shepherd, Myalgic 'Encephalopathy' Association charity Chair Christine Llewellyn

(now deceased), previous AfME charity Chief Executive Chris Clark, psychologist Dr Ellen Goudsmit and AfME affiliates Colin Barton and Joe Marsh.

Dr Charles Shepherd mounted a concerted and persistent effort to get Angela Kennedy sacked from her position as University Lecturer, making a number of allegations that turned out to be false.

An anonymous hate mail campaign has been waged against both Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy by an anonymous poison pen hate mail hush mail account user, who has become known as 'HUSHMAN'. Evidence has shown that this anonymous hate mail campaign has been supported by Dr Charles Shepherd of the Myalgic 'Encephalopathy' Association charity.

A number of false claims have been made that the Technical director of One Click, Ben Bryant, a child sufferer diagnosed with ME/CFS who has now tested positive for Borreliosis, a chronic spirochaetal bacterial infection, has recovered from the illness. Would that this were indeed the case. These false claims breach a child's privacy and Human Rights. Ben has done his very best to assist global health advocacy with his technical expertise down these years, frequently compromising his health and well being to do it. These false and vicious allegations were made by Kate Stewart (pseudonym Margaret Williams) and the anonymous hate mailer 'HUSHMAN' to attempt to damage the political standing of Ben's Mother.

Stephen Ralph made a statement inciting authority intervention against both Angela Kennedy and Jane Bryant with the false and malicious innuendo that we were harming our children. Whilst using an excuse to attack One Click to do it, Stephen Ralph personally attempted to destabilise the Hooper DVD, one of the best initiatives to come out of the ME/CFS community for some time, as the [correspondence between Stephen Ralph and Kevin Short](#) so clearly and outrageously illustrates. A large number of blatantly false allegations are made by Ralph in this correspondence. ^[1]

Psychologist Dr Ellen Goudsmit, close colleague of Dr Charles Shepherd whose links with the 'Wessely School' are notorious, attempted to take legal action for 'defamation' against One Click, while at the same time making what we consider to be false and defamatory allegations against both Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy on the internet and in correspondence to third parties.

Vivienne Parry of the PRIME Project whose links with [Wessely and the Science Media Centre](#) are self evident, made a number of [unsubstantiated and defamatory claims](#) about One Click in a [PRIME meeting](#), the minutes of which were publicly reported at the instigation of Parry and her PRIME Cohorts. ^[2, 3, 4, 5] The Countess of Mar has been a dedicated supporter of the psychosocial PRIME Project.

Dr Charles Shepherd and others have sent a series of [intimidating and abusive emails](#) to both Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy, in which false and defamatory allegations were made. ^[6]

Colin Barton has, with the assistance of the Co-Cure internet list, placed a post inciting others to attempt to make allegations about One Click to a government agency. Both Colin Barton and Joe Marsh have published Jane Bryant's home address on the internet. The actions by these men resulted in police intervention.

The above represents merely a small sample of what Jane Bryant, Angela Kennedy and their children have endured simply and purely because Bryant set

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Readers should note that TYMES Trust took legal advice from a barrister to get Goudsmit's identity removed from the [Goudsmit email](#), whilst leaving that of Jane Bryant and her son extant. [7]

The TYMES Trust took these allegations seriously at the time and, correctly, an investigation was made by the Board of Trustees, even though Goudsmit had NO evidence to support such amazing claims.

However, instead of writing to Goudsmit to inform her that the full Board of TYMES Trust Trustees had investigated and decided there was no case to answer and advising Goudsmit that if she had proof of such serious allegations, she should contact Social Services herself and provide the evidence, Jane Colby simply did nothing to protect either Jane Bryant or her son. She did not respond to Goudsmit in any way. Under the current climate of what is so frequently done to ME/CFS diagnosed children at the hands of Social Services, Colby let the family down extremely and dangerously badly.

The actions of Colby and her charity that had the power to so severely damage one of her child members during these events came as a particularly nasty surprise because Colby knew the Bryant family very well indeed. During the past few years, Bryant had done a great deal of work to assist Colby's charity in both the areas of the charity's strategic direction and publicly promoted persona. Bryant had been personally responsible for gaining a considerable amount of media coverage nationwide for this charity at Colby's behest. One Click has files full of information in regard to Colby's attitude towards the psychiatrists, her views on Dr Charles Shepherd, Jill Moss and Mary Jane Willows of the AYME children's charity and others. This information provided by Colby includes the mysterious financial fracas that Colby maintains ensued during the set up of the AYME charity by the previous Chief Executive, Jill Moss.

This lack of protection for a TYMES Trust member, an ME/CFS child, is appalling, considering the protective function that TYMES Trust includes as part of its remit. We still do not know how Goudsmit then interfaced with Social Services.

A complaint was made to the British Psychological Society about Goudsmit's actions. Sadly, The British Psychological Society decided that as Goudsmit was not in a 'client/psychologist relationship', she could not be guilty of breaching client confidentiality, even though:

- 1.** The TYMES Trust DID take Dr Goudsmit's allegations seriously and an investigation was made, therefore Dr Goudsmit's actions DID place both Jane Bryant and her son at risk of inappropriate intervention.
- 2.** The fact that no therapeutic relationship existed between Jane Bryant, her son and Ellen Goudsmit (they have never met nor spoken) makes Goudsmit's actions even MORE inappropriate: Jane Bryant was, in effect, being remotely, speculatively psycho-analysed by Dr Goudsmit, who was expressing a 'professional' opinion about someone without their consent. Indeed, as is clear from the contents of the email, Goudsmit was using allegations and innuendo

about Jane Bryant's psychological health in the same context as her comments made to discredit Jane Bryant's actions as a known political adversary. It should be noted from the email contents that AT NO TIME does Goudsmit indicate in ANY WAY that this is not a personal, as opposed to professional, opinion. Goudsmit signs her email to TYMES Trust in her professional capacity as a psychologist.

3. Goudsmit's actions are similar to the remote speculative psycho-analysing carried out by Dr David Southall, for which he was disciplined by the General Medical Council.

Jane Bryant has recently written to the British Psychological Society, pointing out the discrepancies in their deliberations. She will be seeking further redress. In a political context where it is a sad and well known fact that many children diagnosed with ME/CFS are forcibly and inappropriately removed from loving and protective parents as a result of continued inappropriate speculative psychoanalysis, this email from Goudsmit forms a scandalous episode in the continuing history of ME/CFS politics.

POLICE RAID AND ARREST

[The MERGE charity has recently been renamed and is now currently trading under the title of ME Research UK. This is the title that will be used throughout this document].

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 without an arrest warrant and attempted to drag her immediately down to the local police station. [They terrified Bryant and her son](#). 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 to sign. They seized her computer and kept it for a number of weeks. During this incident police officers also attempted to force their way into the bathroom where her son was having a wash, forcing him out. ^[8]

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. Jane 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 was designed to prevent physical stalking, not the prevention of 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 was informed by the officer in charge of the case that she also was to be arrested at her local police station. At no stage was Kennedy informed by the police precisely what the charges were against her.

On the very day that Angela Kennedy's arrest was due, the police informed Kennedy through her solicitor that she was to present herself for arrest at Jane Bryant's local police station, TWENTY-THREE miles away, on another date. Angela Kennedy informed the police that she could not attend a police station so far away because she is the only carer of her daughter, a severely affected and disabled child ME/CFS sufferer. Ignoring this, the police attempted to force Kennedy to travel the twenty- three miles to be arrested. While doing so they also changed the date and time of arrest a further two times on the day of each

planned arrest. Eventually, it was only through Kennedy's own representation to the Borough Commander that an eventual tentative agreement was made to arrest her at her local police station. In fact, she was actually never arrested, since the police did not have a case against either Kennedy or Bryant.

As a direct result of the above police actions, both children suffered severe illness relapse and both were necessarily traumatised by the situation of their Mothers being treated in this way, as was another child family member.

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](#), 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. ^[9] Unlike the Palace of Westminster police, the Southall police nonetheless continued with their actions.

As is clear from the documentary evidence in our possession and in the possession of our solicitors, both complaints were instigated as a result of our legitimate criticisms of both the ME Research UK and the TYMES Trust charities with regard to their part in keeping details of the outrageously damaging [RCPCH Guidelines](#) secret from the ME/CFS community until it was too late to mount a public campaign of objection to these guidelines. [The Vance Spence/MERGE correspondence](#) is particularly damning. ^[10, 11, 12, 13] **[The MERGE charity has recently been renamed and is currently trading under the title of ME Research UK].**

We have also been informed by the police that others were involved in initiating the police action against us and we are awaiting details of these. We know that Dr Charles Shepherd was fully aware of the police action against us because he referred to it in emails which he sent to Angela Kennedy one afternoon and evening, threatening to bring his own police action against her. Who were the others involved in this outrageous malfeasance?

We have since found out from the Crown Prosecution Service 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 neither woman had a case to answer. Furthermore, we have also since found out that the CPS was never even made aware, by the police, of Angela Kennedy and any allegations against her.

Unbelievably, Jane Bryant and her solicitors were both telephoned by Detective Chief Inspector Smith, Head of the Southall CID and told on 9th June that the case was being 'reopened' because the complainants were unhappy with the outcome. The Crown Prosecution Service later confirmed as per the [CPS Fax](#) that the reopening of the case was completely untrue. ^[14] Why did DCI Smith, a senior police officer, brazenly lie to Bryant and her solicitor as the evidence from the Crown Prosecution Service shows and cause further distress? On the 30th June, Smith telephoned Bryant again and during this conversation, of which a tape recording was made, he personally threatened her. Who was pressing this man's buttons in this way and to what purpose? Was he being paid and if so by whom? It remains the case that neither Jane Bryant nor Angela Kennedy has any criminal case to answer.

Please see merely a small selection of the [legal evidence](#) in relation to what has been done to these families. The 'bundle' is considerable.

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."

In light of the [irregularities of the case](#) and other issues around [police behaviour and procedure](#), a Formal Inquiry into this case is being carried out under the auspices of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). Bryant reserves the right to sue the police for wrongful arrest and will make this decision at her leisure. ^[15, 16]

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. But who orchestrated this campaign? Precisely who, apart from the named proponents of Colby and Mar, pulled those extensive strings? What was done to Jane Bryant, Angela Kennedy and their families by Colby of TYMES Trust and Mar of ME Research UK et al using the police to harass, threaten and intimidate those who stand up for health advocacy issues, who investigate and who publish evidenced information and place it in the public domain - was utterly unconscionable. Did Colby and Mar act on their own? The police state not. How was the psychiatric lobby involved in this action against Bryant and Kennedy? We know that Dr Charles Shepherd with his evidenced links and relationship to Simon Wessely and the psychiatric lobby that has done so much damage to ME/CFS patients was aware of the actions being taken against Bryant and Kennedy as is evidenced by his emails. Who are the 'et al' in these disgraceful actions? Who are the people who assisted Colby and Mar in orchestrating this obscene and unjust campaign against two Health Advocate Mothers? This is a very good question to which all concerned with these events seek answers and redress.

It is of vital importance to remember that these acts against both Jane Bryant and Angela Kennedy were taken by those whose behaviour has been legitimately criticised by One Click, in public. As such, these actions carried out by Colby and the Countess of Mar and others illustrate the depths that such people will sink in order to prevent exposure of legitimate concern being expressed about their scandalous behaviour. They demonstrate the filthy underbelly of health politics, and the dark forces that are gathered, posing threat to anyone daring to demand justice.

It is simply extraordinary to witness the lengths that some people will go to protect their vested interests and promote turf enhancement – political, medical, research and financial – with such sheer arrogance and disregard for the sick. 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.

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