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## Dr David Salisbury, UK Government Vaccines Director Ooops! Never Mind Me, I'm Basil Fawlty!



**From Left: Professor David Salisbury, UK Head of Immunisation  
One Click Group Director Jane Bryant**

On 4 March 2009, the One Click Group published its response to the litigation threatened against us by Dr David Salisbury, the Head of Immunisation at the Department of Health, through his lawyers, Blake Laphom, based in Eastleigh. Outraged of Eastleigh demanded via his solicitors that we remove from the website two documents concerned with the vaccine industry - one a Complaint to the General Medical Council and the other, a generalist essay - and apologise to him for having the temerity to publish these documents.

Using satire as our favoured response, we instructed Salisbury to shove his litigation right up his vaccine pipeline and offered him extensive Right of Reply. See [UK Government Vaccines Director Threatens Legal Action Against One Click](#).

Yesterday, Jeremy Laurance of The Independent newspaper, broke the story across Britain under the title of [So who now is the Basil Fawlty of the MMR controversy?](#)



**Basil Fawlty of *Fawlty Towers***

For our international readers, Basil Fawlty is the lead character in an iconic UK comedy series entitled *Fawlty Towers*. Basil is a snobbish, miserly, xenophobic and sexually repressed paranoiac misanthrope who is desperate to belong to a higher social class. He sees the successful running of his hotel as a means of achieving this, yet his job forces him to be pleasant to people he despises or aspires to be above socially. (Source, [Wikipedia](#)). Does the cap fit? Naughty Jeremy Laurance for putting such ideas into people's heads across the nation in

regard to the UK Government Vaccines Director, David Salisbury, thus inferring that the UK government's vaccine policies are no more and no less than a *Fawlty Towers* joke edifice.

Salisbury obviously thought this just couldn't be happening to him too. Quick as flash, Laurance's story title in The Independent morphed from the Basil Fawlty of vaccines to '*Is this really the best way to restore confidence in the MMR vaccine?*' Not nearly such a good title as the first one, Jeremy, but never mind, eh? And sorry David old boy, but this moniker is highly likely to stick.

One Click would like to thank Jeremy Laurance of The Independent for publishing this story. We would also like to thank the Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Express newspapers for picking up on our [litigation response](#) to David Salisbury and running stories in their newspapers based on our breaking news information: [Scientists to be given power to decide on vaccinations](#) and [Jab makers linked to vaccine programme](#).

We conclude by publishing One Click Group Director Jane Bryant's comment on this piece published in The Independent online:

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**"All Joking Aside...."**

*Many thanks to Jeremy Laurance for breaking the news of the David Salisbury litigation against One Click. One point of important correction is that we are not just an anti-vaccine site. We carry many issues of health concern around the world today and our coverage of vaccines is but one small part of our work. See [www.theoneclickgroup.co.uk](http://www.theoneclickgroup.co.uk)*

*From where I am standing, the piece in The Independent today, although very welcome, is in fact the **Salisbury Response**. The Head of Immunisation at the Department of Health has been caught throwing his weight around in a most unattractive manner and the only way to get out of it is to respond: Oops! Never mind me, just call me Basil Fawlty.*

*Although the satire potential of recent events is enormous and has been fully exploited by One Click in our [litigation response](#) to Dr David Salisbury, let us not try to hide the ramifications of what [Steve Scrutton](#) has just written: "Salisbury's threatened action against the One Click Organisation shows how desperate the government, the NHS, the Big Pharma companies are to stifle the debate."*

*Joking won't fix this and neither will legal threats.*

*With best wishes*

**Jane Bryant**  
**The One Click Group"**

See the excellent full text comment from Steve Scrutton published in The Independent: [MMR/Vaccination Debate](#)

One Click would like to thank Dr David Salisbury for making such an ass of himself, thus focussing many eyes on The One Click Group, what we publish and driving our [News Alerts Subscriber](#) numbers up through the roof.

Lastly, One Click would kindly like to remind the UK government Basil Fawlty of vaccines industry, Dr David Salisbury, that his Right of Reply copy to us is now

overdue. Please get a move on, old boy? It's really unprofessional to keep your public waiting.

### **The One Click Group**

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#### **Related Links:**

\* [So who now is the Basil Fawlty of the MMR controversy?](#)

Jeremy Laurance, The Independent

\* [Doctor Questions David Salisbury On UK Measles Data](#)

Dr Jayne Donegan

\* [Thank You!](#)

Jane Bryant, The One Click Group

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