

Appeal In Vaccine Damaged Child Case

A report in today's London Daily Express says "an astonishing blunder that has led to 25 years of injustice for the family of a vaccine-damaged child."

Matthew Meeds, now age 25 was left more than 80 per cent brain damaged following the whooping cough vaccination he was given at seven months. Within hours of receiving the whooping cough vaccine in 1976, Matthew, who was born perfectly healthy, started screaming, wouldn't take his bottle and fell into a deep sleep.

Matthew's mother suspected the vaccine had caused the reaction but her doctor insisted her fears were "old wives' tales" and he gave Matthew another shot of the vaccination as part of the course. His symptoms didn't disappear.

Doctors said he was suffering from several problems, including hearing loss and flu. After being refused a payment by the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, the family appealed twice but each time were turned down. New evidence now shows this was because of discrepancies in the notes made by the doctor appointed by the Government to assess Matthew.

He said Matthew had been brain damaged from birth - when medical notes showed he was healthy and the problems only started after the vaccination.

When the family eventually proved the link, it was outside the six-year legal time limit. As a result, they have never received a penny, yet have paid out between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in legal fees over the years trying to prove their case.

All the medical notes show Matthew was perfect at birth.