

Public Standards?

An Open Letter from Eileen Chubb

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This letter is addressed to all members of the House of Commons Public standards committee.

Before you read the following robustly evidenced facts, we are well aware that it will not take long to form the view these facts read like a litany of reprehensible conduct, there is a reason for this, it is such a litany.

If one small charity can experience so much misconduct as a direct result of standing up for their beneficiaries, then what does their experience say about the political system responsible?

Following the recent partygate issues, we wish to raise the following key points which deal with the much wider issues as well as partygate.

Your inquiry into APPGs.

Regarding the comprehensive evidence we have previously submitted to your committees inquiry into APPGs with regard to the APPG on whistleblowing. We note our evidence has not been published on your website. We would like to trust that the Nolan principles really mean something to at least some individuals in parliament.

We also note the evidence from Kevin Hollinrake MP, a member of the APPG on Whistleblowing has been published on your website. We ask you to note the below points,

.Every MP on the APPG for whistleblowing was made fully aware of the extensive, robustly evidenced concerns regarding the behaviour, funding, and dishonest agenda of WBUK. Not a single member of this APPG has responded to this evidence.

WBUKs conduct is now the source of two separate police investigations. This does rather make a mockery of the public standards system. Especially as the police had the same evidence that was submitted to parliament. Clearly parliament have a very different view of wrongdoing compared with ourselves, the public and the police who are investigating what parliament ignored. Could there be an ingrained culture that Boris Johnson is but only one symptom of?

We are not against APPGs, we recognise that many do invaluable work, nor are we saying all MPs are bad but we are concerned that the rules allow serious misconduct to take place and as our evidence shows, there is nowhere to turn to raise concerns.

As we stated to Catherine Stone “ *The rules allow you to report an APPG for using the wrong portcullis emblem and other trivial matters but when there is serious misconduct there is nowhere to go*”

The evidence we have already submitted shows the APPG on whistleblowing are completely compromised and should be shut down and action taken against all those involved who were fully aware of all the evidence of serious misconduct including,

- . A secretariate funded by a pro bounty US law firm and a multinational compliance company, pushing a pro bounty compliance friendly law.

- . Ignoring 94% of all whistleblowers and targeting potentially lucrative cases including those such as

“Introhive” which did not involve whistleblowing at all but the blackmail of an innocent employer.

- . Repeatedly lying and changing their cover story.

- . Using at least one troll account as evidenced, targeting whistleblowers and grieving families who disagreed with their agenda.

- . Leaving vulnerable and sometimes suicidal whistleblowers unsupported.

- . Allowing abuse to continue by ignoring care workers who contacted them.

- .Continually issuing false statements

- . Exploiting whistleblowers by asking them to sign a contract that agreed to pay one hundred pounds an hour and percentage of any tribunal award, as well as agreeing not to speak about WBUK.

- .The APPG being aware of all this evidence, continued to mislead whistleblowers into believing they were being consulted.

- .Misleading the public and parliament continually about the office for the whistleblower agenda

- .Targeting this charity and our volunteers by making repeated malicious allegations in the middle of a pandemic when this charity dealing with a 60% increase in helpline calls, including to the Charity Commission whose investigation officer is now under police investigation for misconduct in a public office (see 3 issues of private eye) along with WBUK.

- .Targeting one of our volunteers with malicious allegations to the police and when that failed the next day targeting myself, The Bromley police report is about to be published upholding the allegations were false. which we will publish

. Using the charity commission to attempt to delete the book and campaign for Edna's Law because Edna's law is the most supported Proposed UK whistleblowing law and a direct threat to the agenda of both WBUK and the APPGs on Whistleblowing.

And much more, too much to list here but please see all our earlier submissions. If this case shows anything, it's the sheer blatant level of wrongdoing that can firstly occur and secondly continue unchecked no matter how many reports or evidenced concerns are raised via the current parliamentary channels.

It is small wonder we have been approached regarding film rights for these events, they are simply staggering given all the evidence. You could not make it up.

You will understand why we think every MP (Except Norman Lamb) who is or was involved with this APPG has shown a lamentable lack of ethical conduct to the extent they must have thought the "*Nolan Principles*" were an 80s pop group.

Partygate and the wider issues

.We would ask you to note that our beneficiaries are specifically affected by the selfish contempt shown by **both** those involved in partygate and those that continue to defend the indefensible which adds insult to injury.

Our beneficiaries are Whistleblowers and the families of those in care settings.

. Our helpline was receiving a 60% increase in calls during the pandemic, Whistleblowers who were raising widespread concerns, including concerns relating to

The breach of Covid restrictions. Many of these whistleblowers subsequently lost their jobs for whistleblowing.

Whilst those in power thought it alright to break the law, there were so many whistleblowers who lost their livelihood for upholding **the very same law**.

All those who think these issues are about cake, should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves but we doubt very much if they are even capable of shame. They should be removed from parliament and used as a future template as to what is not acceptable as an MP.

. Hearing members of parliament debate Partygate anyone would think it was MPs that were betrayed when it was the public.

.We are aware that there are good honest MPs but not enough of them to counter the rot that currently pervades the political system.

. We draw to your attention the grossly insulting mis-use of the term “ **Speaking Truth to Power**” by Ian Blackford SNP, this is highly insulting to genuine whistleblowers who really do, speak truth to power and pay a terrible price for doing so.

There are many whistleblowers who are unable to buy food or basics **today** because speaking truth to power and upholding the law on covid has made them unemployable.

Is Mr Blackford in receipt of his pay? We are disgusted that members of parliament and the government would consider themselves as speaking truth to power, they have no idea what that term means and what whistleblowers suffer.

. Tens of thousands of elderly people needlessly died in care homes, each one of those deaths leaves a

grieving family that never got a chance to say goodbye, to sit by a bedside or stand by a graveside. Such pain and grief is not for a day, but for lifetime for each of those families. Telling these families to "*Move on, its only about cake*" shows not just an individual but a whole government that is morally bankrupt on an unprecedented level.

There are no words to express our disgust at all those who hold such sacrifice in contempt, not only in Downing Street at the time but which is even worse is the ingrained culture of dishonesty, greed, and contempt for the rule of law, or even common decency.

. The conduct of Boris Johnson is reprehensible but what is even worse is the entire system around him, that so many think this is a mere storm, when it's so much deeper than that, it's a loss of trust that can never be fixed, not just in this government but it taints the whole establishment.

. The consequences of this are sorely underestimated, without trust there is nothing. How perverse that the subject of "eating cake" a subject that has already turned the course of history is involved. I expect those involved in past history thought they were beyond the law and had an equal contempt for the public.

All those who currently defend Johnson or who are manoeuvring themselves into replacing him, are too preoccupied in self-serving to see that the loss of trust is not about any one single man or government, it's about the whole system. We have never encountered such a level of anger and betrayal about any issue in all the time we have run a helpline.

The focus on Keir Starmer and his woes is deeply insulting, it's the British public who have harmed.

Do you know what hostility whistleblowers face every day?

The conduct of individuals such as Boris Johnson, Nadine Dorries and all those around this government are but testament to a political class that must fundamentally change or perish.

. Please do not for a minute think that the lame “office for the prime minister” plan will fool anyone, we point out that there was an “Office for the President of United States” at the time of Watergate. It is not just systems that need to change but the calibre and ethics of the people in power.

.What has infected parliament also infects regulators, only under this government could the conservative peer Baroness Stowell have been appointed to the Charity Commission, who carried out the political attack on this charity on behalf of conservative party members and fund raisers Mr and Mrs Halford Hall Of WBUK.

The evidence with the police is extensive and whilst we are restricted in what we can say, we can assure you serious misconduct has occurred.

Nadeen Dorries DCMS department responsible for the Charity Commission knowing of at least two cases where charities were politically attacked, no action what so ever was taken at the time, other than the appointment to replace Stowell being Boris Johnsons friend, a trustee of both a bullying and women’s charity, having to resign his NHS post as well as resigning his post at the Charity Commission before he even started: after being exposed as a bully and to have sent inappropriate unsolicited pictures to women at the charity.

MPs should not allowed to appear on celebrity programmes, paid or not, it's a platform that is misleading the public that MPs can run the country and bake cakes and so forth, both abilities contested by the way. it's completely wrong and needs to stop there is a section of society that places undue trust in celebrity programmes, and they are misled by this because it infers they are trustworthy or above suspicion.

. The repeated references during partygate to staff "*Working Hard*" is also highly insulting to frontline staff and volunteers across this country, our charity is run by volunteers, people who give their time to help others being targeted by the secretariate of the APPG on whistleblowing using malicious allegations and at least one troll account, whilst the MPs of the APPG on whistleblowing fully endorsed such tactics.

We are sure you will understand why Kevin Hollinrake's evidence to your committee is so perverse.

.Appointing only those you can trust to regulators, commissions, and other key posts needs to stop. Because those who are trusted by Government are the last people on earth the public can trust.

.The laws that are being pushed through are a report on their own

We never thought there would be a need to write such a letter as this,

Trust is earned it is not your right, we deserve so much better than this.

We attach two books, "There is no ME in Whistleblower" the book WBUK have repeatedly tried to delete by using underhand malicious tactics. Secondly Dismantling the Façade. We suggest you read them.

As with all the comprehensive evidence we have submitted to your committee, we expect this to be published on your website.

Finally, our laws should not be dictated by those with the cash to buy an APPG, we did not vote for Constantine Cannon or Navex Global why are whistleblowers and the vulnerable being betrayed by the self-serving and greedy? Is our democracy for sale to the highest bidder?

A line too many has been crossed, we want to see proper scrutiny systems, when Boris Johnson said "if the rules were broken, lets change the rules" it did not show one mans culture but a whole systems ingrained attitude.

Yours Sincerely

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