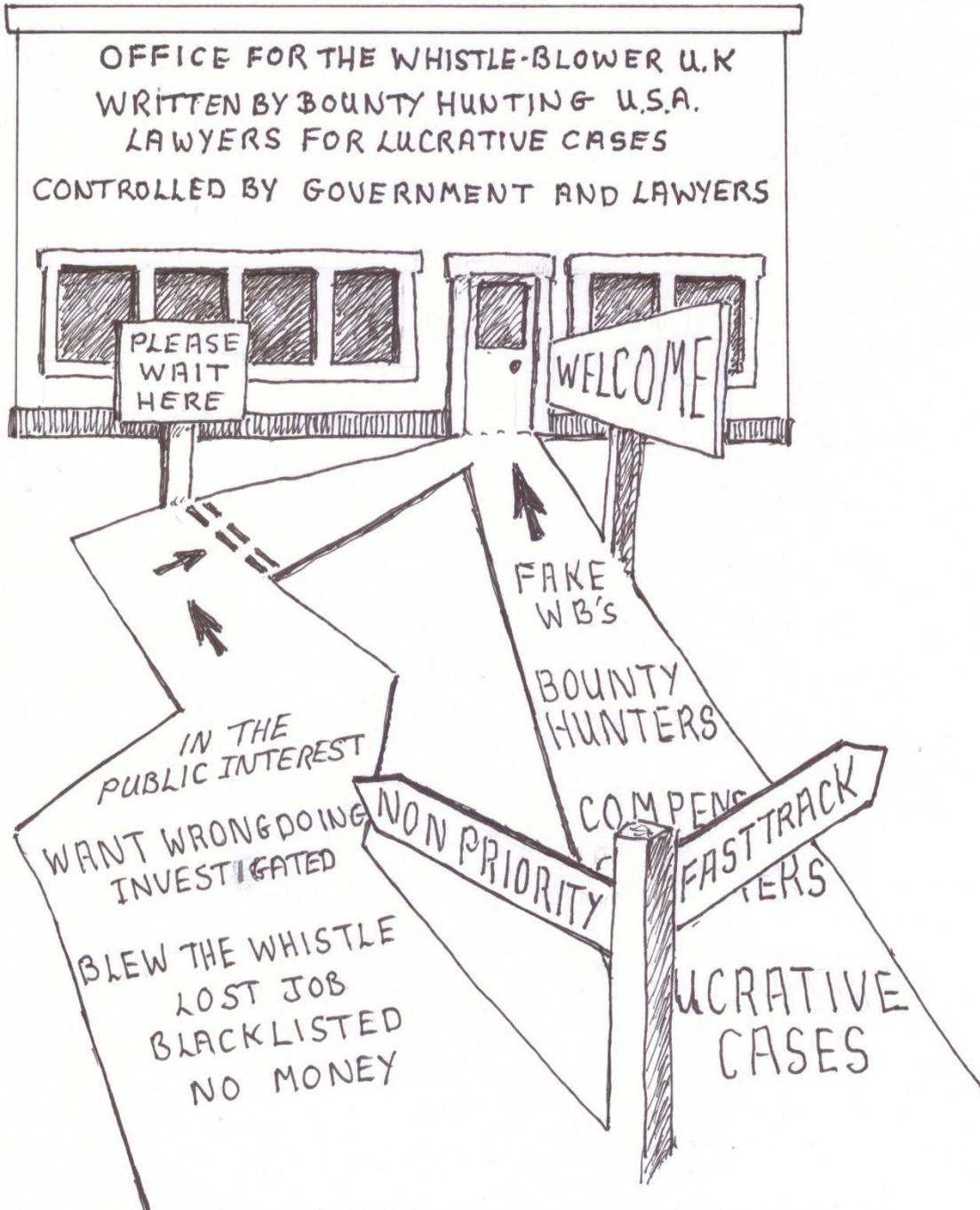


# THE TRANSATLANTIC WHISTLE-BLOWING GRAVY TRAIN



A REPORT BY E. CHUBB FOR COMPASSION IN CARE

The Transatlantic whistleblowing Gravytrain.  
why UK whistleblowers are at risk

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\*This report is a response to [The whistleblower Industrial Complex](#) by Alexander Platt

We urge everyone to read the above report in full. Its findings fully vindicate our concerns about the US bounty system. We thank Alexander Platt of the Kansas School of Law for his hard work and perseverance in exposing the scandal of the US whistleblower programmes.

We also thank Dr Minh Alexander for bringing the above report to public attention in the UK.

These are some of the most important points for us,

. Professor Platt used FOI to obtain the information he did, the regulators obstructed him every step of the way and it took two years to obtain the information. The essence of whistleblowing is public interest disclosure. None of the information requested would reveal whistleblowers identities but despite this the regulators decided to use whistleblowers anonymity as a shield.

. Whistleblowing lawyers played a key role in drafting Dodd Franks legislation, legislation that that would personally benefit them in the form of hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars. These lawyers include **Constantine Cannon** the notorious funder of the ruthlessly avaricious **WBUK**, secretariate of the UK **APPG on whistleblowing** who have just made their third attempt at harming UK whistleblowers by introducing Office For The whistleblower.

. Some lawyers have developed a conveyer belt type system, churning out as many alleged whistleblowing

cases as possible and submitting huge amounts of disclosures to the regulator, regardless of the merits of the whistleblowing cases.

- . Cases being decided on the likely profit to be made for the law firm from the information disclosed by the whistleblower. A real risk that socially important cases could be overlooked or rejected as non-profitable

- . Lawyers asking whistleblowers to act like undercover agents and gather more and more information. This puts whistleblowers in real danger.

- . The plague of the “Revolving Door” with former staff from the regulator going to work for the whistleblowing law firms.

- . A small group of law firms repeatedly winning cases.

- . Cronyism and self-serving is rife and regulators all too willing to let law firms do the investigating.

- . Whistleblowers who are unrepresented or not represented by the “repeat player” law firms have next to no chance of succeeding.

- . The system inundated by both lawyers making disclosures on the off chance of making big money and every other chancer trying to win the lottery jackpot. You cannot see the genuine whistleblowers; they are lost in the sheer volume of greedy chancers.

- . Private Law firms have likely extracted hundreds of millions of taxpayers’ dollars from the whistleblowing programmes.

### what US whistleblowers told us

*“ If there is no money to be made from your case then no attorney will represent you no matter how important the information you have is, its all about greed and nothing to do with protection or justice at all”*

*“ The attorney was the worst part of it, they did not give a s\*\*\* about the hell you were going through, it was all about getting them more and more information, and only information that was worth something. They did not want to know about the real underlying issues, what my employer was doing was not a one-off wrong thing, it was a culture, and that culture continues unchecked”*

*“ If you don’t like the way we are handling your case go and get another attorney”*

*“ The way my attorney spoke to me it was bullying, it was all about getting the money to the detriment of everything else”*

*“ Seeing something wrong, illegal, and trying to do something to stop it, is really traumatic. I went to an attorney because firstly I wanted to expose the conduct and then I wanted to walk away, relocate, retrain, stop the nightmare. The attorney treated me like some kind of asset at his disposal, something that could bring long term profits. I felt completely exploited and trapped for a long time”*

*“ From day one the legal advice was all about getting the money”*

*“ If you want to know what whistleblowing feels like in the US, if you have information of value, then it’s a bit like having a jackpot winning lottery ticket and everyone knows you have this ticket in your pocket and you are walking through the seediest part of town at night”*

### Implications for UK whistleblowers

As our extensive published evidence has shown, WBUK have attempted to set up what we have consistently termed a “ a gravy Train” we were absolutely right to use this term.

The dishonesty, self-interest and gut-wrenching greed and exploitation of the US whistleblowing system is

the polar opposite of what whistleblowing should be about.

We rang the UK offices of Constantine Cannon, posing as a whistleblower seeing dreadful abuse in a care facility which, whilst in the UK was a multinational and potentially trading in the US, we were asked if there was any money being defrauded, they had absolutely no interest what so ever in the human suffering. A few days later I put this publicly to Mary Inman of Constantine Cannon, who declined to comment at the time or subsequently.

A considerable number of whistleblowers contacted us raising serious concerns about the conduct of WBUK. We compiled this evidence and brought it the attention of both WBUK and the APPG on whistleblowing, evidence in the form of signed witness statements from whistleblowers who had contacted WBUK for help and

- A. If they were low paid whistleblowers, WBUK did not even contact them back.
- B. The abuse of vulnerable people continued unchecked as a direct result of WBUKs conduct
- C. Genuine whistleblowers who all just happened to be low paid, were left desperate for help.
- D. Those whistleblowers in higher paid roles were contacted back and asked to sign a contract agreeing to pay WBUK £100 an hour for any help and 20% of any compensation. We were provided with copies of this contract from numerous whistleblowers.

Many more concerns are documented, the above is just summery.

Neither WBUK nor any member of this APPG responded to this evidence at the time or indeed subsequently.

## Brief Background history

We are a charity who has supported over ten thousand whistleblowers in the UK as well as over seven thousand families of abuse victims. We are run by whistleblowers for whistleblowers. As part of our research, we have been contacted by whistleblowers from across the US.

The extensive evidence we have gathered led us to raise very real concerns about the WBUK and all those connected to, the All-Party Parliamentary Group, APPG on whistleblowing, whose listed funder is the US law firm, Constantine Cannon. WBUK are also funded by Constantine Cannon, but only produce filleted accounts, which, whilst being legal for ordinary companies, should not happen when that company is the secretariat of an APPG, for obvious reasons.

WBUK and this APPG have lobbied for the US system from the outset, they have so far made three attempts to get "Office for the whistleblower" in its various forms, through parliament.

Unfortunately, far too many in positions of power see the word "whistleblower" in a proposed law and think it must be a good thing, this is not always so.

These are just some of various tactics we have uncovered.

.The office for the whistleblower was stated as the aim of WBUK on their website as early as 2015, the funding of Constantine Cannon have enabled WBUK to set up an APPG on whistleblowing to give the false impression that they were consulting whistleblowers about what law they would like to see implemented. Various dodgy consultations later and they arrive at the identical, Office for the whistleblower, as featured on their website as their aim in 2015.

. Former members of the APPG later joined the board of WBUK

.The former Chair of the APPG, Sir Norman Lamb, publicly resigned citing WBUKs lack of financial transparency as the reason.

.WBUK pay substantial sums to appear on many public platforms and yet their stated annual assets rarely exceed 2k in their annual accounts.

.WBUK pay for a part time staffer to work solely with the APPG on whistleblowing from their declared 2k annual assets.

.This organisation invests in staffers who are very adept at issuing disinformation to fool the public and some of the media, fortunately not all of the media.

. WBUK and the APPG on whistleblowing completely deny the existence of 94% of all whistleblowers. WBUK have as an organisation that allegedly ran a helpline but were in fact only taking cases of individuals who were asking for millions in compensation. A microcosm of the US system in action.

Incredibly as a result of this charity challenging WBUKs proposed law and exposing their conduct as an organisation, we as a charity and as individual trustees and volunteers, have been targeted with a sustained campaign of malicious allegations made by Georgina Halford Hall, the CEO of WBUK

The charity Commission are currently being investigated by the police in relation to their conduct in abusing their position and placing false information on this charities records.

We are restrained in what we can say due to the legal process and certainly do not want to jeopardise a prosecution for misconduct in a public office.

We are extremely grateful to Private Eye magazine for their work in exposing this political attack. We are

also extremely grateful that a documentary team filmed events as they unfolded.

The charity commission aided WBUK in trying to delete a book, which contained detailed data and evidence that challenged WBUKs aims.

The Charity Commission told us to, not campaign for Edna's Law and allow WBUK and Constantine Cannons Office for the whistleblower to proceed without challenge. ( without any legal basis for doing so)

The Charity Commission ( which is run by government appointed political Cronies) grossly exceeded their powers and told us to not publicly criticize WBUK, regardless of the fact that WBUK were actively harming our beneficiaries. They also said we should not specially use the term "Gravy Train" in relation to WBUKs proposed law.

We chose to serve the interests of our beneficiaries and the evidenced truth first and will always do so.

We were right to call office for the whistleblower a gravy train because that is the most accurate description for it and the evidence supports that.

If a campaigning charity cannot safely blow the whistle on an all-party parliamentary group on whistleblowing; without being ruthlessly targeted, what hope is there for really protecting whistleblowers?

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