

Sir,

I watched the Panorama programme (Undercover Hospital Abuse Scandal) as a disabled person I felt utterly broken to witness such abject cruelty. I was reminded of Hannah Arendt "The Banality of Evil" because these so-called Personal Assistance were nothing more than banal nobodies who had inveigled their way into the system.

We have a system that allows people, without proper training (just days apparently) or any moral compass to take over the lives of our most vulnerable people, staggeringly this includes nurses. This system includes psychiatrist who for historic, not appropriate reasons, have effectively declared disabled people mentally ill not disabled. A system has been created that allows private care homes thousands of pounds per week to carry out the evillest abuse, lining the pockets of those who own these places of pain and anguish.

There are alternatives; the parents and clients could be offered, using this money, in fact, less money, to bring properly trained, vetted and monitored personal assistants to enable the families to feel secure in the knowledge that their loved ones are being looked after properly. They should be providing an environment to allow such vulnerable people to feel valued, loved and so begin to blossom; not discarded, beaten and sexually abused and used as bait for the sort of animals seen on this program.

We need, I need, as a vulnerable person myself, a system that removes the farce that is the Care Quality Commission who yet again were the emperors without clothing, they obviously have no real power. We urgently need a system devoid of profit with only the best intentions for those. It should serve, run and managed by other disabled people, now there's a novel idea, who would have both the experience and commitment as benevolent overseers.

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