



SIA Advocacy Service

Case Study: Peter M

Peter contacted us in July 2008. At the time of his injury he had been working as a social worker for a local authority, but was informed that as a wheelchair user he would be unable to conduct home visits and was therefore released from his employment.

Peter contacted the SIA Advocacy Service who sent a letter to the Chief Executive of the Council in support of Peter's case. The letter stated that Peter's treatment was a breach of the Disability Discrimination Act and that efforts should be made to find him a more suitable position in the organisation.

In August 2008 the Council's Head of Human Resources replied stating that they would shortly be contacting Peter to discuss redeploying him to a more suitable role.

Below are two e-mails received by Daniel Burden from Peter following the sending of the supporting letter:

*"Hi Daniel,
Thank you ever so much for your support in my hour of need. It was invaluable indeed. My sincere apologies for the delay in my response.
Keep me posted.
Kindest regards,
Peter"*

*"Hi Daniel,
Thanks for your email. Yes, I will be having a meeting with the HR soon. I hope they will come up with some good news. Once again thank you very much for the pressure you exerted. That definitely made a difference.
I will keep you posted.
Peter"*

...because life needn't stop when you're paralysed.