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19th November 2009

Reference ID: 1-6183386

RE: Legal Assistance Request

Dear Mr Glasgow,

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd November 2009 to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the contents of which have been noted. I have been asked by the legal casework department to respond to you on their behalf.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is working to eliminate discrimination, reduce inequality, protect human rights and to build good relations, not only for the disadvantaged, but for everyone.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission receives a large number of requests for assistance under the Equality Act by people who believe that they have been subjected to acts of discrimination. The Commission gives careful consideration to these requests but it is unable to provide full representation to all of them. The Commission has finite resources and wants to maximise its impact by being strategic in its approach to exercising its powers under Section 28 of the Equality Act. The Commission has therefore adopted a legal strategy which sets out the strategic priorities that governs how it will focus its limited resources in this area of its operations.

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The Equality and Human Rights Commission was established by the Equality Act 2006 as the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

In relation to your request for legal assistance, our legal casework department have given careful consideration to your case but unfortunately they do not feel that it meets the objectives of our legal strategy, is out of scope of the Commission and is out of time. Based on reasons, the Commission is unable to provide you with Section 28 assistance.

The Commission's decision not to grant assistance to an applicant does not necessarily mean that the Commission has concluded that the case does not have any merit. The Commission is seeking to identify cases that will impact on the law, will clarify the law or establish new precedents rather than being solely guided by whether the case is meritorious or not. Many of the cases that have been turned down for support will be cases that have merit but will have been assessed as not having the potential to have any or sufficient impact on the law.

Please note this letter originated in the Equality and Human Rights Commission, which is an information and guidance service and not a legal advice service. If you require legal advice, please contact a solicitor. This paragraph does not apply to an individual who is assisted under section 28 Equality Act 2006.

Once again, please accept the Commissions' apologies for not being able to offer you legal assistance and for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,



Lynsey Shakespeare
Specialist Advisor