

JobPath is just one piece of an overall picture that is a bundle of trouble for citizens

In recent times, admirable people such as Vera Tomley, Maurice McCabe, Catherine Coreless and Vicky Phelan have spoken up. In no way do Damien or I hold ourselves to be in same equal light as these great people but we all and more outside the Dail, appear to share a common assessment.

All of us have recognised there has been and continues to be, state systemic, legislative and departmental problems that have been left unaddressed for far too long. This has led others to subsequently suffer. For example, when judges can get up and walk out of courtrooms, breaking rules and refuse to hear valid evidence, when individuals and companies are allowed escape accountability because in part it suits a government term department agenda, and when those breaking Irish and EU laws are not held to further account – what chance is there of consistent fair justice occurring and been seen to occur, by citizens?

On the issue of JobPath, the Social Welfare Acts and other legislation, have been used like blank pre-signed cheques to allow abusers get away with whatever they wish to try on victims. Additional unlawful items added as they see fit.

Our basic rights are under stealth attack. We now face being fined for not contracting with private business – waste bins for example, we face being deprived for not contracting with private business – JobPath, our rights to retaining our personal data is being undermined even while it's being given away to private business, we are being state forced to sign water service contracts, forced by state threat, to signature admit to more tax levies (household charges), forced to accept an I.D. card in all but name that also data mines our personal lives, forced to accept legislation that sees Euro billions given away to an EU army setup. All this and more we are getting a lesser democratic say.

Ireland's people are being forced into more things – and they, we, I, are getting sick of it all. We are in many cases, becoming clinically depressed because of it. JobPath victims have exposed this. Their medical history speaks for itself. We also have their victim statements.

The current JobPath setup should end. €170+ Million Euro for a tiny success rate that comes with additional law breaking, unconstitutional acts, abuse including assault – physical and mental torment, and terrific state bullying at national and local levels, this is just madness from any state that lets excessive power go to its head and allowed flow down with same poor usage, to regional offices. For the JobPath contract to be renewed this year, would be more detrimental madness.

Future state schemes must be better structured incorporating better validation processes. Job roles need to be better defined with greater accountability added and carried out. When citizens are handed over to private companies so it can make its own private mass profits, at taxpayer cost, it will never end well for any pressganged citizens. This is not rocket science to understand.

I am a dad of 6 children. What we do or not do when we should, will affect their future. Your children, your nephews, nieces, etc, will either be better off by positive taken progress or undermined by inaction or wrong action, in times to come. We therefore must do better not just for our present generation but for ones still to come.

I will close by stating two points. Firstly, we not only need to address the problems caused by JobPath but also, we need to address and correct what allowed them to be created in the first place. Secondly, we need to come together and do the right thing. We need to stand up and demand our data and personal rights be not just protected but enhanced – not undermined and taken away.

For this to effectively happen, we need to do it in a strong voice, as united people. Thank you.