

Ms Jane Fae

By email to:
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Dear Ms Fae,

Memo to all radical campaigners: please stop exploiting suicidal people for political ends - 25 Mar 13

Thank you for your email.

I am sorry if you if you felt that the Telegraph was engaging in some sort of power playing. That is not the case. When a complaint is made, having the complainant put it in writing ensures that there is no confusion as to exactly what is being complained about.

Reference to Ms Meadows having a sex-change operation was made in the Daily Mail and the Press Gazette. The New Statesman refers to "Ms Meadow's decision to undergo gender reassignment and surgery". There is little doubt that Ms Meadows was undergoing gender transition. The likelihood is that this would culminate in surgery. However, we have taken the decision to make an appropriate change on the blog.

We are content that, in the circumstances, reference to suicide is not inappropriate. The police went on record saying there were no suspicious circumstances and when the inquest was opened the coroner referred to "previous attempts to commit suicide".

As to Brendan O'Neill's comments on your New Statesman piece, they are perfectly legitimate conclusions drawn from what you say in your article.

Yours sincerely,



Damian Thompson
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