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WHY WERE THERE NO BOYS IN YORK'S RACE FOR LIFE OR TRURO'S?
CRUK'S RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
CRUK'S UNLAWFUL ONLINE PROMOTIONS
STANDING UP TO CANCER

Dear Mr Pragnell,

To my dismay, I have to comment further to your letter dated 30th March, in which you state, inter-alia : "I would ask you to respect the professionalism of the fundraising team at Cancer Research UK whose responsibility it is to make these judgements . I recognise that your longstanding concern is unlikely to change. Nonetheless, I hope that we can now draw this exchange of letters and emails to a close…..

I stress, Mr Pragnell, I am "very, very much" looking forward to the day when I can sit back and think "Job well done" - *I trust I will not have to write CRUK off as a lost cause???* Alas, I have to question the professionalism of CRUK, but first, I must stress I was very pleased to be informed by Cancer Chat Manager, Sarah, on 16th April, 2012. That the rules had been re-instated so that boys aged 11 and under can participate in Race for Life accompanied by a legal guardian. Appendix 1

I was very pleased to receive Sarah's update - but??? I must ask - further to the email I sent you on 14th July 2012, headed: "Race for Life - request for better publicity" in which I stated: A simple question - further to my Press Release below. Will you please ensure that little boys under eleven will be allowed to participate in all Race for Life events in 2013 - by giving better publicity re them being allowed wef today?
Below the email of 14th July, was a forwarded one sent on 9th July, copied to Richard

Taylor, Executive Marketing & Fund Raising Director etc etc etc headed:

>>> Press Release <<<
>>> Why were there no little boys in York's Race for Life? <<<
>>> Was CRUK's York Area Manager aware that boys under age 11 could participate in Race for Life ? <<<

>>> Is it because of insufficient publicity - like when I, with support from the EOC, got CRUK to launch the 5K Run for Moore series? <<<

This causes me to ask:

- Was York Press, sent a Press Release from Cancer Research UK advising that little boys could participate in 2012? Was York's Minster FM?

To my dismay, I never received a considered response to those emails. I would willingly forward them again…I stress, I sent the emails because there was no reference to boy participants either in York's Press Souvenir supplement of 30th June; nor in the report of Thursday, 28th June - "Thousands take part in York Race for Life"
Please see Appendix 2 - also, this link**: http://bit.ly/O6kamu**

I assume CRUK has a copy of the souvenir supplement? (too large to put online)..

Re the Truro Event: The following words give further cause for concern re "poor publicity" The info is from a female friend who participated in the event -
… Truro In Cornwall on 15th July - there was no prior mention of boys under 11 being allowed to take part (if you hadn't mentioned it I would never have known). There were no small boys in the race either, and believe me I looked out for them and there was no mention over the speaker system prior to the race that the ruling had been relaxed in that direction either. Hope this helps. I'm not scared for you to name me either John, & my back is very broad in a manner of speaking…

CRUK's Racial Discrimination : Anyone googling Petryk v Cancer Research UK will find that In *Petryk v Cancer Research UK* (2008 - ET) - the Tribunal decided that an award in the lower band was appropriate and that the appropriate sum, taking into account a small award for aggravated damages due to Cancer Research's conduct of the Tribunal proceedings, would be some £6,500...

CRUK'S UNLAWFUL PROMOTIONAL ONLINE ADVERTS
Are you aware the Advertisements Standards Board recently had to contact CRUK re these? I am…There was numerous adverts in breach of the law…
The above refers to some of the poor professionalism of the fundraising team at Cancer Research UK…Also of Cancer Research UK - re racial discrimination.

RACE FOR LIFE'S LEGALITY
I doubt, very much, that Race for Life would now be considered legal under "The Law" had I not received support from the then Equal Opportunity Commission - which caused CRUK to launch the defunct 5k Run for Moore - which some believe is defunct because of insufficient publicity. Race for Life was, arguably, in breach of The Law since the first event.. Details re the EOC's support can be read from the following links…

http://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/archive/2006/02/16/Ryedale+Archive/6670131.Men_urged_to_run_for_their_rights/

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/archive/2006/02/16/Ryedale+Archive/6670131.Men_urged_to_run_for_their_rights/

Further, I doubt, very,very much that Race for Life would now be considered legal under

The Equality Bill had I not attempted to make Mr Kumar, CRUK's CEO, aware of The Law -which can be read by all and sundry in Cancer Chat via this link under Comment 187

http://cancerchat.cancerresearchuk.org/thread/1755?start=180&tstart=0

The email was responded to by Executive Marketing and Fundraising Director, Richard Taylor, in his email to me of 2nd March… *The proof can be forwarded….*

I quote an extract from my email:
Section 29 of The Sex Discrimination Act - states it is illegal to discriminate in the provision of 'goods, facilities and services' .

The Equality Bill, expected to take effect shortly will / should also embody Article 14 of The Human Right's Act and Section 29 of The Sex Discrimination Act - putting CRUK in breach of the law.

Article 14 of The Human Rights Act gives one the right not to be discriminated against - unless objectively justified….

Subsequently, it appears that CRUK lobbied the previous Labour Government Equality Office very hard and got Race for Life made legal in the Equality Bill. This link refers

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/notes/division/3/14/3

Note: 610.

- It also allows single-sex activities for the purpose of promoting or supporting a charity *(such as women-only fun-runs)…*

- 611 - Race for Life, a women-only event which raises money for Cancer Research UK, is lawful.

… Why the emphasis on *(such as women-only fun-runs)…and that stated in 611* - if CRUK had not lobbied the previous Labour Government Equality Office very hard and got Race for Life made legal in the Equality Bill ?

The important question here, Mr Pragnell is will the above within The Equality Bill stand up in The European Court of Human Rights - when Article 14 of The Human Rights Act gives one the right not to be discriminated against "on any grounds" unless objectively justified ?….

Can CRUK state it is "objectively justified" to deny half the population of UK males the opportunity to participate in Race for Life - when compared with e.g. The London Marathon, Great North Run, Jane Tomlinson 10k etc in which males and females participate together with tremendous success?

There are many examples of UK Law being overturned in the European Courts - as you may be aware - e.g your Winter Fuel Payment & Free Bus Pass.

- Further, STANDING UP TO CANCER - which is currently subject of much publicity -

including photos of “males and females together” prompts me to ask - why not some publicity re the “blatant sexist Race for Life!” - on Channel 4?

Will all the males in the photos agree, if they were made aware, with them being denied the opportunity to participate in Race for Life?

To conclude:

- Were all those areas where RFL events are held made aware of the rule change allowing boys eleven 11 and under to participate in Race for Life?
- Was York Press and York’s Minster FM sent Press Releases re the change?
- Was York’s & Truro’s event organiser and local media?

As you may be aware, the decision to allow boys under age 11 to participate in Race for Life was because Claire Parker persuaded CRUK to do so…

Claire, recently organised the first Race in Unity, in which all the family participated - another is projected for next June. I trust it receives maximum publicity from CRUK - more than that given to Run for Moore and the recent change of rule allowing small boys to participate in Race for Life in 2012.…

CRUK should seek the views of “The Public” re Race for Life and Race in Unity events being held on the same day in the same venues…After all - cancer affects “all the family - without discrimination”

Seek the views of all CRUK’s supporters in the monthly email; on Facebook, Twitter and the media…

With kind regards, I look forward for your considered response.

John Taylor

PS: “My Race for Life Swansong” can be read from this link

http://therightsofman.typepad.co.uk/the_rights_of_man/2012/08/johntaylor.html

Alas, circumstances demanded I send another - this letter to you…