



Meeting at House of Commons

Thursday, 26th November 2009

London Against Injustice has serious concerns regarding Disclosure of Evidence and Uncorroborated Evidence in criminal trials.

L.A.I ask you to make the following recommendations:

- To effect changes in the law that ensure police officers who deliberately withhold evidence are prosecuted.
- To call for penalties against police who lose case files.
- To call for penalties against police in breach of disclosure rules.
- To call for penalties against the CPS when in breach of disclosure rules.
- To repeal and replace the disclosure provisions in the 1996 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act (CPIA) & the subsequent 2003 Criminal Justice Act (CJA).
- To raise awareness of the problems related to obtaining information from public bodies, despite the Freedom of Information Act.
- To find powers to prevent convictions based on uncorroborated evidence such as:
 - Uncorroborated confessions whilst in police custody with no solicitor present
 - Uncorroborated evidence from a fellow prisoner – ‘cell confession’
 - Unreliable prosecution witnesses giving evidence without corroborating evidence or witnesses

London Against Injustice agrees with Chris Mullin MP that “deliberate non disclosure should be a criminal offence and that negligent non-disclosure should be a serious disciplinary offence”.