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| Reporter | John Pring |
| Headline | Activist boycotts NHS treatment over ‘information segregation’ |
| First paragraph/s of article | An activist is boycotting all health treatment from his GP and local hospital, despite forcing the Department of Health to promise to find a way to provide accessible information to disabled patients. |
| Paragraphs relating to the Dudley Group | <p>He is now considering a judicial review of the refusal of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust to provide him with information about appointments and health services via email.</p> <p>He says the trust is breaching its public sector equality duty and discriminating against him under the Equality Act by failing to make reasonable adjustments.</p> <p>He also believes it is breaching article eight of the European Convention on Human Rights, which covers the right to respect for private and family life, including personal correspondence.</p> |
| Press enquiry | <p>John Pring from Disability News contacted the Trust. He had been informed by a patient, Mr Graham Kirwan, that he was pursuing legal action against the Trust regarding the format in which he receives his confidential correspondence.</p> <p>Would the Trust like to comment?</p> |
| Trust response | |
| <p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATIONS TRUST</p> <p>We have been working with Mr Kirwan for the last four years to provide him with information in a format which meets his expectations. Despite this, he is still dissatisfied and, therefore, this matter is in the hands of our solicitors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> | |