

As a Government employee and someone who has recently been diagnosed with a progressive condition – multiple sclerosis, can you reassure me that consideration is going to be given to people who have absolutely no control over their illnesses that strike at any time, and that employers such as the Government will be making allowances for absences from work that are totally unavoidable as, in my case, this has certainly not been exercised, and as well as the devastating illness, I have to endure disciplinary procedures possibly leading to my dismissal. This is despite my absences in no way affecting my performance.

I am sure the public would be interested to hear a Government wants to encourage the employment of disabled people but is unable to accept that we do need time off from work during attacks and in essence may well force me onto incapacity benefit- the one thing I try so hard to avoid.

Your comments would be appreciated