**WHIPLASH VICTIM WOULD RECEIVE £1,420 LESS IN COMPENSATION UNDER NEW REFORMS**

Mr Okonmah suffered neck injuries after a car crashed into the back of his stationary vehicle, giving him whiplash. He also suffered from dizziness and headaches. He was expected to make a full recovery within 9 months of his accident, but 10 months on Mr Okonmah still gets intermittent pain in the back of his neck and has to take painkillers as a result of his whiplash injuries.   
  
Mr Okonmah was impressed with how First4Lawyers dealt with his claim, and says doesn't know how he would have managed without the support of a solicitor.   
  
He received £2,225 - yet under the new proposals Mr Okonmah would receive an estimated £805 or 64% less.   
  
Given the pain and suffering caused, Mr Okonmah felt that £2,225 was adequate but didn't fully compensate the pain and suffering he'd experienced. He was shocked to learn what the compensation amount would be under the new tariff system, and argues that £805 wouldn't cover any of the costs he incurred as a result of his accident, as it barely covers his loss of earnings.   
  
He added: "I've been driving for over 30 years and paying an insurance premium that I assumed would be there to support me in full if I ever needed it. These proposals simply eliminate the principles of what we pay insurance for."