

# Care Workers in The News

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Care workers have been in the news recently, sadly for the wrong reasons, because let's face it, somebody doing an at times unpleasant but necessary job is not news, while somebody losing the plot is.



*Thief*

The woman in the photograph above is not a care worker, although she posed as one. She is **currently being sought** by West Midlands Police after befriending and then stealing from a man who has learning difficulties. This dates back to early December last year, but the police have only recently gone public. This is a good quality CCTV photograph, so if you recognise her, you know who to contact.

Pauline Muir is, or rather was, a genuine care worker on the wrong side of forty. She had an affair with a man who at worst used her for sex, then ended the affair. In September of last year she contacted the police and told them he had raped her. He was arrested on September 15, but possibly because of a sixth sense he managed somehow to film their assignation without her knowledge. This led to him being released on bail while the police made further inquiries, a standard process even in many murder cases.

Not content with making this pernicious false allegation, Muir is said to have bombarded him with text messages and to have threatened to frame him again, this time for some sort of driving offence. Muir's behaviour led to her receiving a 14 month sentence when she appeared at Derby Crown Court **charged with** perverting the course of justice, a sentence most people would agree is not a day too long.

Ironically, Derby Police have recently set up a special **sexual violence surgery** specifically for the young. This covers everything from rape to incest, although curiously there is no mention of false allegations of rape and indecent assault, which are far more common than certain agenda-driven special interest groups would have us believe.

Though both Pauline Muir and the as yet unnamed thief may be despicable, there is no reason to question their sanity; we all understand greed and revenge, but what about a woman who tries to poison both her charges and her colleagues for no apparent reason?

Last week, care worker Melissa Swift **appeared at** Birmingham Crown Court where she pleaded guilty to a number of offences including three charges of attempted murder. She had laced the drinks of residents and staff at the care home where she worked with a bleach type substance; many of her victims fell ill. The police appear to be baffled as to why she committed this horrendous crime, as indeed does everyone else. Thankfully no one appears to have been seriously hurt. Smith will appear in court on April 17 after the usual psychiatric evaluation. Whatever the result of that, she can expect a very long sentence indeed.

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