

### **Ministry of Justice pay £3,500 to prisoner for broken arm**

The Ministry of Justice have paid £3,500 plus costs to Joseph Coleman, whose arm was broken during the course of a restraint by prison officers at HMP Wandsworth on 9 January 2009. After the incident the prison initiated an investigation; however it was not until Bhatt Murphy intervened on behalf of Mr Coleman that the investigation was re-opened in October 2009. After nearly three years of litigation Mr Coleman has been vindicated by this outcome.

**Mr Coleman** said: *"I am proud that I have brought the prison to account for my injury. People should know that they do not have to put up with ill-treatment. It is shocking that the Ministry of Justice have refused to apologise."*

**Alice Hardy** of Bhatt Murphy, who acted for Mr Coleman, said: *"It is deeply concerning that someone in a vulnerable position such as Mr Coleman has suffered this injury while in the custody of those responsible for his safety."*