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It has been over a year ago since Kevin Healey reported vile abusive impersonations and Twitter cloning accounts to Staffordshire Police, but Kevin's Twitter Troll offenders have still not been caught or prosecuted.

Kevin Healey, who, himself has autism, is a campaigner and founder of two registered Autism Charities, he is a national leading autism campaigner and a national ambassador for autism in the UK. Kevin has endured vile cloning of his Twitter account for two years and he is now calling on social media giants to verify and protect is Twitter account.

Following Kevin's request for Twitter to verify and protect his account from impersonation, Twitter responded by saying, 'that he does not meet the eligibility criteria'. However, similar campaigners, who have also received online abuse on Twitter, such has, Dr. Sara payne and Denise furgus, have had their Twitter accounts protected and verified, so why can't Kevin have his account verified too?

Nearly 1,600 people have already signed Campaigner, Kevin Healey's petition asking Twitter to verify him, and some high profile celebrities, MP's and MEP's have also written directly to Twitter to request that this social media site verifies Kevin's account, as a matter of urgency, but still Twitter refuse.

Kevin said:

> *"I just want my account on Twitter verified and protected. I am tired of the constant impersonations and Twitter cloning! If I was a celebrity, an MP or a footballer, my trolls would have been caught, prosecuted and jailed by now! I just feel that because I have autism and I am not in the public eye, I am being ignored against. I just can't believe in the 21st century, in this digital age of technology, that they have not been traced already. It is very frustrating that it has now been going on for over one year and it has still not been resolved!*
> *However, Staffordshire Police have been very helpful. I just want these trolls caught and jailed for this serious disability hate crime offence. It has had a serious long term effect on my health. I suffer from PTSD now, due to all the cyberbullying, cloning and impersonation, it's something that never goes away, and every time I log on to Twitter, I'm more self-aware and frightened of the next impersonator to attack me. It has been absolutely horrific; it feels like identity theft when you are been cloned & impersonated. It makes me feel violated. It is so wrong and very little can be done about it. On some occasions it's taken Twitter up to two weeks to close down the troll impersonators. At least, by having a verified account, people will know whom the real 'Kevin Healey is"!*

Kevin was diagnosed at the age of 27, he is now 40 years old. He raises awareness of autism daily on social media and he has over 150,000 followers on Twitter & Facebook. His achievements over the years, include, a meeting with the Queen and various Prime Minsters, and he is greatly recognised nationally in the Autism sector.

To support the petition please visit Kevin's Online Petition **Via Change.org**

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