

leaked to the Sunday People
warns them not to moan
about plans to slash legal
aid by £200million.

It says they will face
"action under the discipli-
nary procedure" if they do.

The lawyers, who work
for Director of Public
Prosecutions Keir Starmer,
say they are being denied
rights available to every
other citizen.

A CPS spokesman said
the email was sent by the
human resources
department without clearing
it with Mr Starmer.

By complaining to MPs
about the cuts, it could be
seen as engaging in
politically activity which is
banned for civil servants.

But top criminal barrister
and former Tory MP Jerry
Hayes said: "Health service
workers and teachers are
allowed to protest against
cuts. There's no reason why
lawyers should be any
different. Even prisoners
can talk to their MPs."

A spokesman for Attorney
General Dominic Grieve
said: "Mr Grieve was not
aware of this issue."

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