

# Major trauma service

Getting you the legal advice and support you need



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# Comprehensive, practical advice as you recover following a major trauma

If you or a family member has suffered a major trauma, knowing where to turn for support can seem overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. Getting the right specialist treatment and support early and putting in place a comprehensive rehabilitation plan, including psychological support, for when you leave hospital is a priority.

We can work with you to put all this in place.

## Compensation

If the major trauma has happened as a result of an accident that wasn't your fault, then you may be eligible to make a claim for compensation.

Our major trauma team will advise you on the strength of your case and if we jointly decide to proceed with a claim we will help secure for you the much needed funding to pay for medical care, rehabilitation, home adaptations and other necessary support services.

Regaining as much freedom, independence and normality as possible is vitally important and with access to these funds you can, for example, receive private rehabilitation that speeds up your recovery and return to home and/or work.

## Support focused on your needs

Making the transition back home or to a care home is much easier when you have the right support and assistance in place.



It is important to get this arranged before, or just after, you are discharged from hospital. Our team can help ensure this happens.

We understand how difficult and stressful it can be dealing with the different agencies and the local authority to try and get the right care and rehabilitation plans in place to support you. It can be confusing and difficult to understand what the options and choices are. That's where we can help.

We coordinate everything for you so that every aspect of your health, welfare and wellbeing is taken care of. And what's more, we will 'fight your corner' to ensure you get the very best support and care available so that you are supported now and in the future.

## We will help you

- Secure compensation;
- Get a full assessment of your needs from the outset, including care, housing, education, employment and financial support;
- By liaising with agencies and local authorities on your behalf;
- Ensure you get all the support and care that you are entitled to; and
- Get a resolution that you are 100% happy with.

## Helping you get the support you need

We will look to get an assessment by a trusted medical professional under the Rehabilitation Code 2015. This enables us to pre-empt and reduce the impact that the major trauma has on your life. By working closely with specialists, you will receive a comprehensive rehabilitation plan and will have a clear understanding of how you are going to go back home or return to work.

This isn't just about financial support, although that is important, but in addition to any claim for compensation we will work to get the best rehabilitation care in place for you early as this is proven to greatly improve the outcome for your future.

## Court of protection, wills & trusts

If you or the family member affected by the major trauma is not in a position to make their own decisions or manage or control their financial affairs, because of the nature of their injuries for example, we can help. We can advise on the most appropriate options and, once agreed, can put in place the necessary arrangements and legal structures, which often involve powers of attorney or deputyships, trusts and wills.

## Employment

Returning to work after a major trauma can be an anxious time but with our help you will feel confident that support and adjustments are in place to make the transition much easier. Whether you need advice on rights, terms of employment, matters involving discrimination and tribunal claims, or practical help to make sure an employer fulfils their

duty to make reasonable adjustments, our employment specialists offer a complete service dedicated to you.

## Housing

If existing accommodation is no longer suitable, you may need to consider alternative accommodation or adaptations to your property. Whether it is a rented or owned property, we can guide you through the options and provide a range of legal support, such as buying and selling a property to obtaining consent and funding for any adaptations.

## Education

Where a child or a young person has suffered a major trauma, their access to educational provision may be affected in a number of ways, including requiring extra provision, specialist equipment or time off for therapy during school hours.

If you need help and support to make sure your child's needs are met, our specialist education experts have a reputation for getting results quickly whilst ensuring every area of their education and welfare is considered. If you are in dispute about a decision that's been made, let us help to fight for what your child needs.

## Family

A major trauma can affect the whole family in any number of ways. Whether you need immediate help to put in place suitable care arrangements for a child or advice on how the current situation affects an arrangement you have in place following a divorce, our



family lawyers can help you make sense of everything and give clear, practical advice on the best steps to follow.

## Immigration

If you're concerned about how a major trauma affects the immigration status of either the person directly affected by the trauma or any of their family, then it's always better to seek advice than worry about the unknowns. Our specialist immigration lawyers deal with almost all common personal immigration and nationality applications and can support you with all immigration matters.

## When should you contact us?

The sooner we are involved the sooner we can help you get the level of support you or your family member needs to give you the best chance of recovery. Let us take care of all the many dimensions of care and financial support so you can focus on getting yourself or your loved one better. If you would like to find out more or speak with one of us, please get in touch.

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## Useful list of contacts

### **Aspire**

(spinal cord injury charity)  
020 8954 5759  
reception@aspire.org.uk  
www.aspire.org.uk

### **Limbless Association**

(limb loss charity)  
0800 644 0185  
enquiries@limbless-association.org  
www.limbless-association.org

### **Child Brain Injury Trust**

(child brain injury charity)  
0303 303 2248  
info@cbituk.org  
www.childbraininjurytrust.org.uk

### **Headway**

(brain injury charity)  
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