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Hi,

January News Update.

For those involved in the Personal Injury field there is a great deal of activity presently going on between the legal profession and the Government.

Much of the news is not particularly good for people in the future who are injured & who seek compensation for their injuries and losses against the wrong doers.

The Government are likely to implement new legislation whereby future claimants will be obliged to pay up to 25% of their damages towards their legal fees and pay out of their damages for any legal after the event Insurance which provides the claimant cover for obtaining medical reports medical records court fees and the Defendants legal fees should their case not be successful.

Claimants and their legal representatives are under attack from powerful vested interests namely the Insurance Industry and the National Press who over the last few years sought to whip up a frenzy over a so called 'compensation culture'. The fact of the matter is the vast majority of Claimants are ordinary members of the public who have been involved in an accident which was not their fault and as a result suffered injuries and losses. Yet these people are under attack.. It is a totally unfair situation. The Insurance Industry which is a multi billion pound enterprise show little regard for the injured individual & their plight but seemingly have a significant regard for their huge annual profits.

The National Press & media have also been peddling the Compensation Culture. Effectively their axe to grind is against legal fees they have to pay if a successful Libel claim is brought against them. The Press & Media is a very powerful lobby in this country. One cannot help but feel if they can bring about restrictions in the ability of individuals to call the press to account in a Court of Law this will be another threat to the rights of justice for the ordinary individual.

For those unfortunate enough to suffer injuries as a result of medical negligence the Government as provider for the National Health Service are anxious to reduce compensation payments and legal fees and they equally have bought into the Compensation Culture claim. If you are a patient you are simply looking for good medical care. If a patient suffers as a result of medical negligence surely they are entitled to reasonable compensation for their losses and injuries.

These are certainly worrying times and I am fearful for the rights of the individual in the street and their ability to protect and uphold their rights .Certainly if you have any family & friends who have been injured and have yet to claim or undecided whether they wish to claim then my best advice is to tell them to speak now with a Personal Injury Solicitor. Any Solicitor worth their salt will be happy to chat through an accident without obligation.

If you have any views on the matter I would be happy to receive your comments.

We hope to provide a further newsletter in the next two to three weeks.

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