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Life Changing Injuries Specialists

Obtaining financial security and enabling independence after life changing injury.



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Please contact our expert Life Changing Injuries team if you have any questions:

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Life Changing Injury Compensation Claims

Life Changing injury compensation claims are legally complex. Typically the amount of compensation someone will need after suffering a life changing injury will be measured in six or seven figures.

Just as the medical care you need after injury is specialised; finding and engaging with a solicitor with genuine and specialised experience and expertise in helping patients with life changing injuries and their families is vital.



The most common causes of traumatic brain injury are falls, road traffic collisions and assaults.



Every 90 seconds, someone is admitted to hospital with a head injury that can result in a traumatic brain injury.



Around 5000 people in the UK require a major amputation each year, either above or below the knee.



70% of lower limb amputations are due to blood supply complications whilst the most common cause of upper limb amputations are due to trauma.



2,500 spinal cord injuries change lives each year.



'From the time of my first meeting with Jon Rees while I was in hospital, he has been the most approachable, kindest and understanding person and remains so now. Nothing is too much trouble for him, I can contact him at any time on any matter and he keeps me 100% up to date with my ongoing case. I couldn't wish for anyone better to be representing me.' - **Christina Storey was paralysed after her car hit untreated ice and suffered a serious road accident.**

'They kept in touch regularly with updates and there was never an instance when I disagreed with what they advised me to do, because everything made perfect sense. I was in hospital for a long time, but now I live in adapted accommodation adjoining my parents' house.' - **Nic Kane was paralysed when a car overtaking queuing traffic drove into his motorcycle.**

Ify Nwokoro was injured in a road accident. Brethertons helped him secure one of the largest compensation packages ever awarded in the UK.

Ify says, "After the accident, I didn't know how to go on. Brethertons came in and helped me continue my life. They helped me with the emotional and financial side of things, and gave me reassurance everything would turn out well."

Watch Ify's video and hear more about his story



Why Brethertons?

The way the team works, its expertise and experience, and the team's focus, passion, and commitment to helping people in the aftermath of a life changing injury is evidenced by the outcomes and feedback it has secured from clients.

The team is experienced in helping people who have suffered injury in all contexts where there is some suggestion that someone else might have caused the injury (road/traffic collision, injury at work, injury in a public place or through clinical negligence).

The Life Changing Injuries Team has a national reputation for its work in helping injured clients. The team has helped people from all over the country secure many millions of pounds of compensation after injury and helped them find a way back to living a fulfilled life.

The team has won recognition and praise from clinicians engaged in helping people with life changing injuries, and also from Judges, case managers, experts and charity representatives. Individual and team accreditations and award nominations are also testament to the team's enviable track record in helping individual clients and the wider community. We are the point of contact for anything you might need help with during your claim and we will keep you from getting lost in the legal minefield.

We understand that it can be difficult to find an expert and experienced solicitor that you can relate to and trust to achieve all that you want to achieve after life changing injury, and that is where we can help you. You can get in touch with us to discuss your injury as a free consultation and if you want us to take your case on for you, we won't charge unless or until your case concludes successfully.


We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have when we meet to discuss how we might be able to help you.

'From the get go Brethertons have always been very professional. The team helped me and my family along the way even if things were difficult. I always knew what was going on with my case and trusted their advice. I was very impressed with them and how they advised and assisted me along with the support given from them throughout.'

'Thank you for the mountains you have all moved for me and for the ones we have to climb in the near future. I am sure we will reach the top with trust, dignity and most of all a happy ending.' Samantha Reeves

“Exceptional Service, Personal to you”

It is important that you connect with the solicitor dealing with your claim, as they will be in communication with you throughout the period of your claim and this could go on for a few years. We will provide an exceptional and personal service to you, but it all comes down to you feeling comfortable with us. If you are not sure where to start with this, we have put together a few questions as a guide that you can ask us if you like:

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- Do you think I have a case?
 - What level of compensation can I expect to receive?
 - How long is it all going to take?
 - Will this cost me anything? If so how much?
 - Which experts and professionals are you in touch with that could help with my case?
 - How will my case and rehabilitation be paid for?
 - Is an early interim payment possible?
 - I have certain immediate needs (financial, benefits, discharge home, care and case management etc.) – can you help me with these straight away?
 - Can I contact you or someone else in the team if I have a problem?

Examples of Life Changing Injuries

We help with compensation claims arising from injuries of utmost severity caused on the roads, at work, in public places, and through clinical negligence. If the injury happened as a result of someone else's negligence, it doesn't matter to us where it arose. Examples of cases we are helping with.

Life changing injury cases that have concluded recently or we are currently working on:

- **Brain injury** to teenager waiting for bus and hit by delivery driver.
- **Above-knee amputation** to former firefighter caused by missed diagnosis of DVT.
- **Multiple fractures** to train driver's face neck, hand, knee and leg as well as nerve injury in head on motorcycle collision.
- **Multiple spinal fractures** caused to accountant in road traffic collision.
- **Missed diagnosis of cancer** affecting deputy head teacher.
- **Needlestick injury** leading to sepsis and necrotising fasciitis caused in workplace to young adult.
- **Traumatic removal of eye** caused to delivery driver while at work.
- **Spinal cord injury** to electrician riding at mountain bike centre.
- **Negligent anastomosis surgery** leading to removal of most of bowel in young newly married teacher.



Examples Of Cases We Have Settled... The People We Help Are Just Like You

Motorcyclist

Our 20 year old client was involved in a motorbike collision and sustained a spinal fracture resulting in serious spinal cord damage. As a consequence, our client has been left with severely reduced mobility, impaired dexterity and significant pain and now requires 24 hour care. We obtained significant interim payments which enabled our client to access specialist care, case management, physiotherapy and equipment whilst his claim was ongoing. The damages were awarded at a capitalised value of approximately £16m and consisted of damages for loss of earnings, care, case management, aids and equipment, accommodation, medical costs and therapies.

Driver

Our client was driving her car when the Defendant crashed into the side of her vehicle. She sustained a range of injuries and she was unable to work again due to sensory and mobility problems. Although she could walk, she struggled with excruciating pain in her right forearm caused by extensive nerve damage. Our client underwent a pain management programme as a result of the expert evidence we obtained whilst her claim was ongoing. The claim had been pursued by a previous solicitor and our client had been advised to accept a modest sum when she sought a second opinion from us. We eventually settled the claim prior to Trial for a substantial six figure sum, more than 44 times the amount our client had been advised to accept by the non-specialist solicitor she had engaged initially.

Cyclist

Our client was a sixth form student who was injured whilst riding his bicycle to school when a lorry cut across him whilst trying to turn into a side road. They suffered multiple injuries including a fractured neck, punctured lungs and a broken pelvis. E has made a good recovery from the physical injuries sustained but has been left with significant PTSD. This has in particular been compromised by his Asperger's Syndrome as well as his domestic circumstances. Interim payments were secured to enable E to access private physiotherapy, CBT and to engage with a Case Manager. The Claimant has undergone CBT as recommended by our psychiatry expert. He made a good recovery and went on to University. The case settled for a substantial sum.

Pedestrian

Our client fell 41 feet down a concrete structure on the side of the motorway. After breaking down, our client climbed to the top of the grass verge before stepping on a concrete platform. Unfortunately the concrete platform was rotten wood and she fell to the bottom. Our client suffered multiple fractures to the spine, severe fractures to the ankles and feet and dislocations in the ankles and feet. She was left with long term pain and limited mobility especially in comparison to her very active lifestyle before the accident. Our client luckily made good progress and returned to work. She will however need assistance with day to day tasks in the home. Damages were secured with a substantial six figure sum.

What People Say About Us...

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“I found Jon and his team to be very professional through the time we spent working together. They always had the focus on getting the most suitable result for myself and the primary focus was always on my health and wellbeing interests. When liaising with them they were always knowledgeable and polite, willing to offer their thoughts and listen to my concerns on any matter arising. It was a pleasure to work with Jon and his team. They would be my first port of call if I was ever to need legal help again.”

“Brethertons have been amazing throughout my 3+ year case against Highways England. During this time they have kept me up to date on a regular basis and explained each procedure and progress clearly. They answered all my questions, worries, concerns and doubts promptly (literally within minutes of me emailing them) so that I understood exactly what was happening and they put my mind at rest. I cannot thank the Brethertons team enough for their invaluable help and for the excellent case that they put together for me against Highways England. It was so strong that my compensation was much larger than I had ever dreamed possible and it has enabled me to take early retirement, pay for expensive bespoke insoles and footwear so that I can walk more comfortably – and do the things in life that I enjoy.”

“I can truly say that Brethertons are exceptional solicitors. I don't know too many solicitors who would go that extra mile for their client. They handled my case very well and were always available to answer any questions or concerns I had. Throughout the 4 year period, I am proud to say We Won! I know and I believe that I could not have won this personal injury case without the team at Brethertons. The future for me and my son looks bright again thanks to them and I am forever grateful. I am confident I made the right decision having Brethertons represent me and I sincerely recommend Brethertons to anyone seeking legal assistance. They are the best!”

“Back in November 2021 I was involved in a life changing injury that was very traumatic for myself and my family. Whilst in hospital I didn't know how we would get through this or even survive the aftermath of having my life turned upside down. I contacted Brethertons and got put straight in touch with Allison who turned out to be our guardian angel. Everything from feeling safe to a phenomenal recovery is because of what Allison fought for and took that stress away. I cannot recommend the service and dedication enough. We will be forever thankful.”

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We're Here To Help With More Than Just Your Claim

We take pride in being able to help people who suffer life changing injuries wherever and however we can.

Alongside specialist litigation services we can help with accessing impactful peer support; with benefits advice and assistance; access to financial planning assistance; with counselling support; and with case management and accommodation assistance.



Visit our website for further information.

Supporting The Community

In addition to using our specialist legal skills to help individual clients and their families obtain financial security, to enable independence after life changing injury, we are wholly committed to making creative, innovative, and impactful contributions. These contributions help the wider community of people affected by life changing injuries wherever and whenever we are able to.

We have contributed significant time, resources, and financial support to spinal cord and brain injuries charities as fundraisers, donors and as corporate partners. But we feel our contribution can and should be much more than making a payment to a charity in return for being promoted by that charity.

It is our view that the support needs of people affected by life changing injuries is so great that it is difficult to meet them fully. Whilst there are many opportunities to support good causes, we are always very discerning about ensuring that the time, resources, and financial support we contribute will have a real and demonstrable impact for injured people – and over and above any ancillary benefit others may derive from that support.

We are especially proud of our record in supporting smaller, practical, and often more immediately impactful organisations, projects and causes. We have lent support to a range of smaller charities and initiatives such as Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research (SMSR), as well as to smaller hospital-lead projects and patient group initiatives (for example off-site rehabilitation).

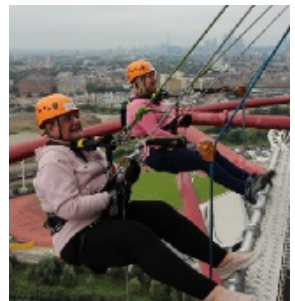
We are passionate about listening to, and working with, the community of people affected by life changing injury. Our aim is always to lend our help and support to finding practical solutions to problems, wherever that support can have the most immediate impact to very seriously injured people.

Brethertons as a whole supports a different charity each year, we actively fundraise through different activities such as wolf runs, cake sales, marathons, dress down days and more. Brethertons are also actively involved in our local communities supporting local hospices, sports teams and much more.

We are also active in supporting people affected by life changing injuries on a local, regional, and national level.



We helped Paul Rhodes establish a charity and community interest company providing peer support services



Katie Crane and Allison Fitchett abseiling the London Orbit to help raise money for Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research



Jon Rees running the London Marathon to raise money for the SIA

Get in Touch

If you or someone you know has suffered a life changing injury and would like to talk to an experienced specialist solicitor about how you or someone close to you can gain financial security that enables independence after life changing injuries, our team are more than happy to help and to visit you. We are based in Warwickshire and Oxfordshire, and help people locally, regionally and nationally. We can visit you wherever you are in the country.

We work on a 'no win no fee' basis. Contact us for a free consultation. The Brethertons Life Changing Injuries Team are here to help.

We deal with a select number of claims each year and so the whole team will get to know you personally. Often, after life changing injury, it is less a case of choosing whether to make a claim for compensation and more a case of having to claim. The cost of a lifetime of medical, care, therapies, equipment, accommodation and employment needs will always be difficult, if not impossible, to meet satisfactorily without the sort of support we can provide to you.



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Jonathan Rees regularly advises on high-value spinal cord injury claims. He is well versed in cases arising from RTAs and workplace accidents. Sources say: "He is very intuitive and shows great empathy to his clients' needs and wellbeing." and "Jonathan Rees will always do his very best for the client and leave no stone unturned to get the best outcome." - Chambers & Partners



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wherever you are in England and Wales.**

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