

# The medical negligence team

When you or someone close to you suffers injury as a result of a medical error it is difficult to know where to turn. There may be long term physical, psychological and financial consequences. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact Ashtons Legal's highly acclaimed medical negligence team to discuss your injury with one of our compassionate lawyers who will be more than happy to assist you.

## What we do

Ashtons Legal are leaders in the field of representing clients who have suffered injury as a result of medical errors. We have been rated as the top firm in East Anglia for medical negligence claims for over 15 years.

Our lawyers stand out from the crowd. We are approachable and sensitive yet dogged and determined. We avoid confusing clients with legal jargon and provide legal advice in plain English. As the case progresses we ensure that our clients are comfortable with everything that is happening and fully understand what we are doing and why we are doing it.

We work closely with medical experts to identify whether medical negligence has occurred that merits an award of compensation. If compensation is payable, we strive to maximise the award to obtain fair and proper redress for our client.

From our extensive experience of representing clients, we understand their need is not only for money but for answers, and for the reassurance that this dreadful occurrence won't happen again to somebody else. So, where appropriate, we will use the litigation as a way to apply pressure to bring about improvements in care.

Whatever the circumstances, we will do our utmost to help every client achieve what they need from their claim and support them throughout the process.

## How can I afford legal advice?

We offer a free, no-obligation discussion for all patients considering taking legal action for potentially negligent medical treatment. Understandably one of the most frequently asked questions is how can I afford the legal costs? At Ashtons Legal we assure all of our clients that irrespective of the outcome, you will not be in a worse financial position at the conclusion of your case than you are now. This is the same whether you win or lose. Our lawyers are able to act on the following forms of funding:

- Public Funding (formerly Legal Aid)
- No Win – No Fee Agreements
- Legal Expenses Insurance
- Private Funding.

## Specialisms

The medical negligence team represents clients all over the UK. Our caseload comprises a mixture of claims from all medical areas including:

- birth injuries including cerebral palsy
- mistreatment in care homes
- orthopaedic
- delays in diagnosing cancer
- complications with general surgery
- fatal injuries and Inquests
- misinterpretation of radiology
- mismanagement of pressure sores and general wound care
- brain injury
- amputations
- ophthalmic
- rheumatology
- colorectal surgery
- dental
- spinal injury

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## What others say about us

### Clients

"I still can't quite believe it! It's amazing that something we'd almost given up on now might actually happen. Thank you again for all your hard work; the result you've achieved for us really is life changing and we can't thank you enough."

"My daughter and I say that the service you provide is excellent. Our MP was right. We would recommend others to your firm."

"I would recommend anyone to your firm. I feel I have been treated with a great deal of compassion and understanding."

"I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the hard work and expertise which you have given to win my compensation claim. It has been a pleasure to me to use you as my solicitor and I am sure that without your diligence and professional manner I would not have succeeded."

"I am writing to say a big thank you to you on behalf of our family for all the help and advice that you have given us. It is thanks to you that the case has come to a successful conclusion. I would particularly like to thank you for the way that you handled the case with professionalism but more importantly with the tact, diplomacy and regard for our family's grief and feelings."

### Legal Directories

We are top rated by independent publications the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners and have been for more than a decade.

The clinical negligence team has had another stellar year, being involved in highly complex cases across the whole spectrum of the sector. The "cohesive team" impresses peers with its focus on client care, its "immaculate organisation" and the "genuine continuity of care" it provides. Sources say the team "will do everything for its clients."

#### Chambers UK

"One of the best in her field", Sandra Patton is 'a superb lawyer who combines rigorous intellect with great sympathy'. Tom Cook, Julie Crossley ('thorough, professional'), Sharon Allison ('caring, thorough, tenacious') and Ben Ward ('organised and meticulous') are all highly recommended. Recent highlights include a £1.3m settlement in a birth injury case."

#### Legal 500

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## What to do next?

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