

LEIGH DAY



Child brain injury claims

Legal support from specialist child brain injury lawyers



"The team at Leigh Day's Personal Injury Claimant practice is truly exceptional. What sets them apart is their unwavering dedication to their clients' well-being and their commitment to delivering outstanding results."

Legal 500



"Leigh Day represented me due to a car accident for my child. It was a pleasant experience with Leigh Day. They always kept me informed with progress and the best way forward. I highly recommend them and I came to know of them from a recommendation.

No doubt they will be my first point of contact if I need such help again."

SA via Trustpilot

Legal support to secure your child's future

As a parent dealing with the aftermath of your child's brain injury, we understand that legal matters may not be at the forefront of your concerns.

However, early conversations with us can offer advice, guidance and some immediate financial support while you plan the road ahead.

At Leigh Day, we're familiar with the challenges you're facing and are committed to helping you create a brighter future for your child.

Compensation can offer financial stability for your child and family, addressing both short and long-term needs. The legal process may seem overwhelming, but we will guide you through every stage. Every family's situation is unique, we take great care in listening and understanding the individual circumstances of each case to deliver the best possible outcome.

Why choose Leigh Day to represent you?



Chambers
AND PARTNERS



The Law Society

If your child has sustained a brain injury as a result of someone else's fault, you will need expert personal injury lawyers to guide you through the legal process.

At Leigh Day, we bring extensive experience in representing people whose lives have been affected as a result of brain injury, along with a deep understanding of the field and a commitment to maximising rehabilitation and compensation.

Our team of medically trained lawyers and nurses is well-equipped to handle these complex cases.

For over 35 years, we've supported adults and children rebuilding their lives after a brain injury so we understand the emotional challenges of dealing with such injuries. We approach each case with empathy, care, and respect for the well-being of patients and their families.

In addition, we have lawyers who are accredited by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) as brain injury specialists.

You can call us in confidence to learn how we can help you on a completely no-obligation basis. We will provide you with advice on the first steps of starting a legal claim, explain the no-win, no-fee structure and answer any queries you may have.



"My experience with Leigh Day was nothing short of amazing. Thank you to my amazing solicitors, Laura, Sarah and Sally, thank you for getting my life back on track."

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What could you claim for?

Compensation is intended to assist your child in living as normal a life as possible, while also enabling parents and the rest of their family to be able to support them.

While nothing will be able to undo the harm caused to your child, compensation can help make their life easier to manage. Compensation can go towards covering the costs of:

Rehabilitation and treatment: this includes physiotherapy, neuropsychology and speech therapy. Support in education is also a key part of rehabilitation. Any additional treatment, from medication to specialist therapy, can also be covered.

Pain and suffering: you can claim compensation for your child's pain, suffering and loss of amenity. The sum awarded will depend on the circumstances of each individual case and will be made in accordance with judicial guidelines and other case law.

Care: paying for visiting and round-the-clock carers, or specialist care to support them at school, for example.

Home adaptations: depending on the injuries suffered, you may need to adapt your home or move to an accessible environment with more space for specialist equipment.

Financial loss: the losses and expenses associated with your child's injury can be included in the claim.

Equipment: you can claim the cost of any specialist equipment your child needs.

How to make a claim

If your child's injury was caused by someone else, identifying who was at fault at an early stage will make the process of your claim easier and quicker.

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Key stages of a personal injury claim:

1) The injury: time in hospital is the first stage of your child's recovery. The injuries may disrupt life temporarily or have a long-term impact on your family.

2) Engaging a solicitor: speaking to a specialist brain injury lawyer as soon as possible will ensure we can help you rebuild your lives as quickly as possible. We often see people in Major Trauma Centres very soon after their injury. We can provide immediate practical advice on dealing with urgent financial situations, exploring entitlements under any existing

policies of insurance, setting up powers of attorney and your right to community care services. We can also put you in touch with our partner charities who can support your child and family.

3) Interim payments: we aim to secure interim payments so that rehabilitation treatments and therapies can begin as soon as possible. They may also cover parents' gratuitous care, adapted accommodation or other financial expenses you incur.

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4) Case management: we'll introduce you to expert case managers who can provide tailored treatment and therapy plans for your child, as well as sourcing any aids and equipment that might be needed.

5) Rehabilitation: we believe that access to early rehabilitation is vital in order to maximise recovery; this is a priority for us.

6) Negotiating a settlement: we'll gather evidence from medical records, witness statements and experts so we can fight your corner and ensure your child receives justice and appropriate compensation.

7) Going to court: where a child receives damages, the court will need to approve interim payments and the final settlement. Most cases are settled before trial. If the case does go to trial, we will explain and support you through the process.

8) Rebuilding your life: we can provide practical advice on entitlement to benefits and your child's right to community care services. We can also provide advice on Court of Protection Deputyships, if required.

CLIENT STORY

Seven-figure settlement for brain injury cyclist

At just 16, a dedicated cyclist suffered a severe brain injury in a road traffic collision, leading to a significant seven-figure compensation payment that included immediate access to vital private specialist therapies.

This young athlete, referred to as Sam, was fiercely committed to his AS levels and competitive racing when the tragic incident occurred. During training for an upcoming race, a car abruptly crossed his path, resulting in Sam being thrown from his bicycle and onto the road.

The severity of his injuries required a month-long hospital stay, during which he faced challenges with speech, motor function on his left side and fatigue.

Once discharged, Sam returned to the hospital as a day patient for further specialised treatment. Through his membership with British Cycling, he sought the expertise of Leigh Day to pursue a claim against the driver and their insurer. Leigh Day partner Bethany Sanders quickly secured interim

payments, enabling Sam to access private therapies and hire a case manager to coordinate his rehabilitation.

Sam embarked on an intensive program with independent therapists post-discharge, engaging in neurophysiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy. Demonstrating remarkable determination, he worked diligently on his recovery, ultimately returning to college to complete his A-levels the following year. Now, he is successfully working while pursuing a part-time degree.

As part of his claim, Sam underwent a trial of independent living to assess any arising issues from his ongoing challenges, ensuring that appropriate

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domestic support was factored into his case. Expert evidence was gathered to evaluate the potential impact of his ongoing symptoms on his career progression, resulting in a substantial claim for future loss of earnings.

After thorough negotiations, settlement terms were reached and Sam was awarded a seven-figure sum

for damages. This compensation will allow him to adjust his working hours, effectively manage his fatigue, and continue his rehabilitation journey.

Bethany, along with senior associate solicitor Katherine Wilkinson, fiercely advocated for Sam, exemplifying the firm's unwavering commitment to justice and its clients' well-being.

Charities and partners

A child's brain injury can affect every aspect of your whole family's life. Organisations such as the Child Brain Injury Trust, Day One Trauma Support, and Headway can help you with education, training, support and advice.

We support these charities in practical ways, for example:

- We are an accredited partner of Day One Trauma Support, sitting on a number of their regional legal panels
- We are a supporter of the Child Brain Injury Trust
- We are on the United Kingdom Brain Injury Forum's (UKABIF) approved lawyer list
- We are actively involved with various Headway groups and branches
- We are one of only two law firms who are appointed by the Child Brain Injury Trust as trusted legal partners for the Leeds General Infirmary

We offer a helping hand so they can lead the way in improving the lives of those that have been affected by brain injuries.



Meet the team

We are one of the largest and most experienced teams of specialist personal injury lawyers in the UK. For a free, no-obligation conversation about your child's brain injury claim, please contact:



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"They're absolutely a first-rate firm. They have huge experience in dealing with personal injury claims with significant international and complicated components. Leigh Day have unparalleled experience in this. They know the law inside and out, are practical and have the resources to run those cases."

Chambers and Partners, 2024

"Leigh Day fields a 'very committed team who take on difficult and unusual cases with great courage and success' and whose 'strength in depth is extraordinary'.

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