

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with small black stars, is smiling and reaching out her hand towards a man lying in a hospital bed. The man is wearing a white hospital gown and has a white medical mask over his nose and mouth. The background is a bright, out-of-focus hospital room with white medical equipment.

LEGAL DAY

Brain injury claims

Legal support from specialist brain injury lawyers



"Leigh Day made me feel like I was their only client. They knew everything about my case without having to refer to a file."

Legal support to help build your future

Life after a brain injury can leave you and your loved ones with many questions and uncertainties. Leigh Day understands the challenges you will face and will work with you to build a positive future.

Compensation will provide financial support for you, relieving the financial stress that can accompany a brain injury. Interim payments can be obtained to help cover losses and expenses incurred during the lifetime of the case.

The legal process can seem daunting and complex, but our specialist brain injury lawyers will be with you every step of the way to guide you through and ensure that your compensation is maximised.

We take great care to listen to our clients and we understand that every client and their family is different and has their own set of personal circumstances.

"The Leigh Day PI team is outstanding. The team members are knowledgeable, personable, organised and efficient."

The Legal 500, 2024

Why choose Leigh Day to represent you?

If you have sustained a brain injury at the fault of another party, you will need an expert personal injury lawyer to guide you through the legal process.

By choosing Leigh Day to represent you, you will gain access to our wide range of experience acting for brain injured clients, our knowledge of experts working in the field, and our understanding of what needs to be done to maximise rehabilitation and damages awarded. Our team also includes nurses and medically trained lawyers that enhance our expertise in these complex cases.

In addition to legal advice, we also have a client liaison service which can support with signposting and advice prior to rehabilitation being available through the claim. Leigh Day have access to specialist benefits advisors who can help ensure you are receiving the right level of welfare benefits following an injury.

We have one of the largest and most experienced teams of specialist brain injury lawyers in the UK. We are ranked as one of the country's leading firms in

this area, having spent over 35 years helping clients to rebuild their lives after a brain injury. In addition, we have lawyers who are accredited by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) as brain injury specialists.

Our lawyers are experienced in running challenging cases and have a deep understanding of the impact of a brain injury on you and your family.

We regularly achieve multi-million pound compensation settlements to help seriously injured clients get the rehabilitation, treatment and care that they need to rebuild their lives and ensure they are financially secure.

We are very effective at quickly accessing privately funded rehabilitation, giving you the best chance of maximising your rehabilitation and securing interim payments to provide financial security from the outset.

We understand the importance of not only providing high-quality legal advice, but also a personal service, empathy and support. We take great care to listen to our clients and we understand that every client and their family is different, with their own set of personal circumstances.

You can call or email us to find out more about how we can help you on a completely no-obligation basis and in strict confidence. We are happy to provide you with advice on whether you have grounds to bring a claim, the claims process, how the no-win no-fee structure works and to answer any other queries you may have.



THE TIMES #1

Joint 1st Personal Injury firm in The Times list

**We are on the legal panel for several of
the country's Major Trauma Centres.**

2025 Chambers AND PARTNERS

"Leigh Day has an illustrious claimant team regularly instructed to act in catastrophic personal injury cases against a range of parties, including governments, public bodies and large corporations."

Chambers and Partners

**"Thank you James, for your support, skill and determination
in pursuing my claim for me and for the outcome you have
achieved. You helped me get through the darkest of times,
which will never be forgotten."**

Client



"I chose Leigh Day on recommendation and can't thank them enough, especially Beth Sanders. From our first conversation to the conclusion of my case Beth has shown compassion, patience and understanding and given guidance in what has been a difficult period since my accident."

DJP via Trustpilot

Band 1

**In the Chambers and Partners
Guide and Tier 1 in the Legal
500 guide for personal injury.**

Our lawyers have been involved in some of the country's leading personal injury cases, for example Swift -v- Carpenter which formulated how accommodation claims are calculated in serious injury claims.

"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

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AND PARTNERS



What could you claim for?

Compensation is intended to assist you in returning to your pre-injury life as far as possible.

“The lawyers are very knowledgeable, very approachable and efficient.”

Chambers and Partners, 2025

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

Rehabilitation and treatment: this includes specialist physiotherapy, occupational therapy, neuropsychology and speech and language therapy. Any additional treatment, from medication to private surgery, can also be covered.

Pain and suffering: you can claim compensation for your 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 case law.

Care: paying for visiting and round-the-clock carers. If a family member needs to provide care, you could claim for their gratuitous care.

Home adaptations: depending on the injuries suffered, you may need to adapt your home or move to accommodate a wheelchair or other specialist equipment.

Financial loss: salaries or wages, including missed promotions and bonuses. In some cases, this can also include lost pension that you could have received if you were still at work.

How to make a claim following brain injury

If your 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. We will listen to your story, advise on whether you have a claim and explain the next steps of the process.

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Key stages of a personal injury claim:

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

2) Engaging a solicitor: you may not have considered making a claim but speaking to a specialist injury lawyer as soon as possible will ensure we can help you rebuild your life as quickly as possible.

In the event that you lack capacity to manage the claim yourself, you may require a Litigation Friend to act on your behalf in the proceedings.

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 loss of earnings, adapted accommodation or other financial losses and expenses you incur.

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

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5) Rehabilitation: we believe that access to early rehabilitation is vital in order to maximise your recovery, and we will prioritise this.

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

7) Going to court: most cases are settled before trial. If it can't be avoided, we will explain all the risks and support you through the process.

If you are deemed to be a Protected Party, you will need to go to court for any settlement to be approved by a judge.

8) Rebuilding your life: we can provide practical advice on employment issues, entitlement to benefits and access to community care services. We can also put you in touch with charities who can support you and your family.

CLIENT STORY

Seven-figure settlement for cyclist

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A cyclist who sustained a severe brain injury in a road traffic collision when he was just 16, received a seven-figure compensation payment which included funding for immediate access to private specialist therapies.

The cyclist, who we have called Sam, was studying for his AS levels and was a keen competition racing cyclist, when the collision happened. He was in training for a forthcoming race when a car turned across his path, and Sam was thrown from his bicycle into the road.

He sustained a severe brain injury and was in hospital for a month. He was initially unable to speak and suffered motor problems on his left side and fatigue. After he was allowed home, Sam had to return to hospital as a day patient for a month for further specialist treatment.

Through his British Cycling membership, Sam instructed Leigh Day to bring a claim against the driver and his insurer.

Leigh Day partner Bethany Sanders immediately secured a number of interim payments to enable him to access private specialist therapies and so that he could employ a case manager to co-ordinate his rehabilitation programme.

Following his hospital discharge, Sam was able to begin an intensive programme with independent therapists, including neurophysiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy.

Sam worked extremely hard on his rehabilitation and returned to college to obtain his A-levels the following year and is now working and completing a part-time degree.

During the course of his claim, Sam underwent a trial of independent living to identify any issues which might arise as a result of his ongoing difficulties and ensure appropriate domestic

support was valued within his claim. Evidence from an employment expert was obtained to consider the likely impact of ongoing symptoms on Sam's future career progression and a significant claim for future loss of earnings was made to reflect this.

Following negotiations, settlement terms were agreed and Sam was awarded a seven-figure sum for damages.

The compensation will enable him to reduce his working hours so that he is able to manage his ongoing fatigue and continue his rehabilitation. Bethany represented Sam in the civil claim with Leigh Day personal injury department senior associate solicitor, Katherine Wilkinson.

Sam said:

"I cannot thank Bethany and Katherine at Leigh Day enough for the support they have given to me throughout my claim. I believe that if it wasn't for the vital role they played in organising further therapy immediately following the accident, I would not be where I am today. The settlement they have secured will benefit me for the rest of my life, allowing me to get the help I need and to manage my impairments. It will also alleviate some of the pressure to keep up with my peers and improve my quality of life."

Bethany said:

"Whilst Sam has made a remarkable recovery, he continues to suffer from ongoing symptoms as a result of the collision. Sam was a teenager when he sustained his traumatic brain injury, and it was incredibly important that we secured the funding for him to access the specialist rehabilitation he required from the outset in order to make as full a recovery as possible."

"Sam has worked so hard throughout his rehabilitation and our job was to ensure that his ongoing symptoms were properly recognised within his claim so that he received funds to enable him to continue his therapies, reduce his working hours and obtain the domestic support required to successfully manage his career, family and social life going forward."

CLIENT STORY

Helen's story: cycling brain injury

Compensation for a cyclist who sustained a severe brain injury in road traffic collision in Worcestershire.

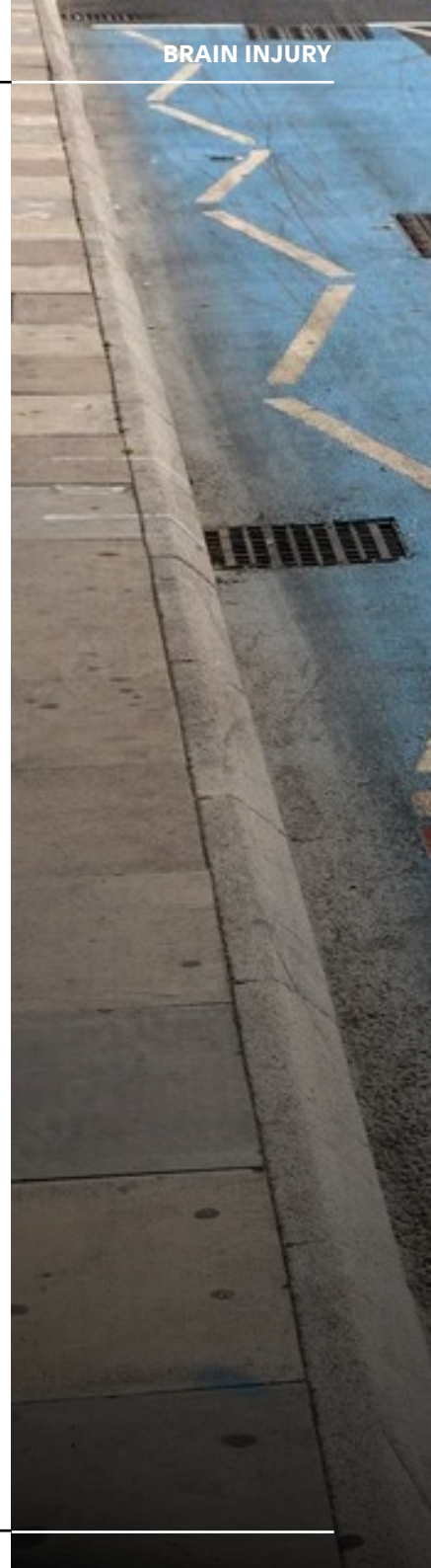
British Cycling member, Helen, was thrown from her bicycle in a collision with a car which attempted to overtake a lorry and lost control. Helen sustained a severe brain injury, a skull fracture, collarbone fractures and fractures to her fingers. Helen was a keen and experienced cyclist. She was part of a local cycling club, and enjoyed cycling long distances with her husband and friends. This included cycling coast to coast, a feat which she completed just weeks before the collision.

She would go on regular cruises around Europe with her husband, taking their bicycles with them to cycle around the destinations once the ship had docked. Although retired from her teaching role, she still undertook some work and cared for her young grandchildren.

Through her British Cycling membership, Helen instructed Leigh Day to bring a claim against the driver and their insurer. Solicitors at Leigh Day secured interim

payments to fund Helen's rehabilitation, ensuring that she had access to the specialist support and therapies to rebuild her independence. Following an inpatient neurorehabilitation placement, Helen received community input from a specialist brain injury case manager, neuro-occupational therapist, neuro-physiotherapist, dietician and neuropsychologist.

Following two years of specialist intensive therapies and with the support of her rehabilitation team and family, Helen was able to return to a good level of independence, including driving and a return to her hobby of cycling with her local club. Settlement was reached with the driver's insurer and Helen was compensated for her injuries, past financial losses and to fund her future needs. Helen was represented by Bethany Sanders, a partner in Leigh Day's Personal Injury department. Her claim was supported and funded by British Cycling.



Following the settlement, Helen said:

"Bethany Sanders and her team made my experience highly successful. All information was given clearly and in a timely fashion.

"This has been a difficult process for me to negotiate but I felt completely supported and able to trust and rely on the legal support I received from Bethany. I am grateful my case has been successfully resolved and I can move forward on my recovery journey with confidence and optimism as a result."

Bethany said:

"Helen was fit, active and very independent before the collision and she was incredibly motivated to return to that independence following her life-changing injuries.

"We are pleased to have been able to support Helen with the best rehabilitation and recovery, and to secure compensation that has meant she has been able focus on her return to the lifestyle and hobbies she enjoyed before the collision, including getting back on her bike."



Charities and partners

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

We support these charities in practical ways, for example:

- Supporting charitable activity to help raise funds for organisations who help adults and their families who have suffered life changing injuries
- A partner firm of Day One Trauma Support, sitting on their accredited legal panel
- Partner Laura Murphy is Chair of Trustees at Headway West London



the brain injury association



Meet the team

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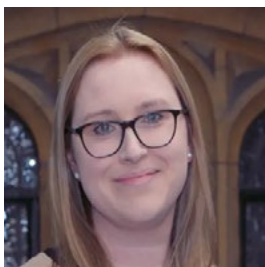


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