



Royal London Hospital **Serious Injury Legal Services Brochure**

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Who are Slater and Gordon?

Slater and Gordon is one of the UK's most well-known and reputable law firms. That reputation has been gained through decades of tireless work helping seriously injured clients to recover financial recompense for their life-changing injuries.

Our dedicated and empathetic team of serious injury lawyers in London is committed to providing the very best legal help and support in challenging times, to secure brighter futures for our clients.

We're award winning too; in 2018 alone we won three prestigious awards at the Proclaim Personal Injury Awards, including Catastrophic Injury Team of the Year.

We offer "no win, no fee" funding arrangements and have particular expertise assisting those who have suffered life-changing injuries including; brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation and complex orthopaedic injuries. We also have unrivalled experience of helping bereaved families and those affected by assaults and attacks. Most of our clients have been injured in road traffic crashes, at work or in public spaces.

How can Slater and Gordon help you?

Free initial meeting

We'll happily visit you at hospital or at your home to provide you with free, clear and prompt advice

about whether you have a claim. If so, we'll offer you a no win, no fee agreement and will begin a claim against the responsible party; usually their insurance company.

Even if there is no insurance – perhaps you were injured by a driver who can't be found – you may still have a claim and we can advise you about this. From the moment we're instructed to act, we'll begin putting a team in place to support you. Our clients are at the centre of everything we do.

We'll gather evidence to prove your claim and secure medical evidence along the way to help us advise you about how much your case is worth.

Throughout your case you'll have direct access to the lawyers working with you on your case and there'll always be someone to speak to, providing you with clear, practical and jargon free advice.

Help with immediate money worries and accessing rehabilitation

We recognise the importance of securing early and ongoing payments for private rehabilitation and, more often than not, we can secure early payments from the responsible party to help with money worries and replace lost income to help with rent or mortgage payments as well as providing a life-line for day to day expenditure.

Other associated services and benefits

Where financial support is initially difficult to secure, we can provide you with access to our welfare benefits and client liaison team to help

maximise entitlement to state benefits and signpost to relevant supporting organisations.

We also have an in-house Court of Protection department who can help with practical matters for those who have suffered serious brain injury and are unable to manage their own affairs.

When the claim process is complete, we have an independent financial planning company who have decades of expertise in helping manage and invest money for clients who have suffered serious injury.

Who should you contact?

Should you wish to contact us for more information, our experienced serious injury lawyer, Nick Godwin, will happily answer any queries you have.



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Your case journey



Accident



Hospital

This is where your recovery begins. You need time to process what has happened and may not be thinking about a claim. But the sooner you see a specialist lawyer, the better.



Funding

We'll arrange funding on a No Win No Fee basis. This will give you peace of mind, at a time when you don't need additional worry, that there's no financial risk to you.



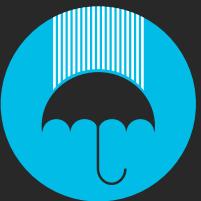
Interim Payments

Suffering a traumatic injury and being unable to work can also cause financial strain. We can help secure interim payments to help reduce any financial burden.



Case Manager

We work with a wide range of case managers and can source the most appropriate case manager for you to arrange a bespoke care plan of therapists, aids, equipment, etc.



Protecting your future

Our care doesn't stop when your case ends. We have a dedicated Court of Protection team and a specialist independent financial planning company to safeguard you and your future.



Compensation

We always fight to get you the absolute maximum compensation available, not just to compensate you for what you've lost, but for what you'll need in your future.



Court

It's rare that cases have to go to court as we're usually able to reach a settlement before that's necessary. However, if it is necessary, we'll fight your case in the courts.



Evidence + Negotiations

We'll gather evidence and enter into negotiations with the other side. We'll fight for them to accept blame and get you the compensation you deserve.



Rehabilitation

We see it as an integral part of our role to seek early access to rehabilitation, to help you maximise recovery as soon as practically possible.

Our recent cases

Our serious injury lawyers in London have achieved some fantastic outcomes for clients in recent years. Here are some of their stories:

Case Study 1: 24 year old struck by bus, sustaining a life-changing brain injury

After initial life-saving treatment at RLH we were instructed to help Mr H in his claim against the bus company. The claim was particularly difficult because Mr H ran into the path of the bus without looking, but just days before a trial was due to decide who was at fault, we came to a settlement agreement.

Our client had suffered a serious brain injury and therefore, no longer had the mental capacity to make decisions about the claim and his finances. We were able to appoint a Court of Protection Deputy to assist our client. A vastly experienced brain injury case manager was also instructed and we then set about securing expert evidence in 10 disciplines to maximise the value of his claim resulting in a gross settlement of over 8 million pounds. The settlement will ensure that our client has a brighter and more secure future and will help pay for much needed care, rehabilitation and accommodation.

Case Study 2: 22 year old man struck by speeding motorbike

We currently act for a young man who received limb-saving surgery at the RLH. Within weeks of

being instructed we had engaged the insurers of the person who injured him and secured immediate interim funds to instruct an experienced case manager who helped him move from his second floor flat.

Within a month or so we had secured funds to help him move to a new, accessible rental property with level access.

We're now working together to maximise his rehabilitation whilst he journeys through the litigation and his recovery process. He is expected to receive a seven figure settlement.

Case Study 3: Man who fell from roof sustaining a spinal cord injury

We acted for a man in his 40's who was paralysed from the waist down in an accident whilst at work.

We immediately contacted his employer's insurer and agreed to work together collaboratively in exchange for early payments of money. This early intervention was crucial as it enabled a dedicated case manager to be instructed to help our client source and undergo extensive rehabilitation and to adapt his home to accommodate his changed circumstances.

We worked in tandem with the insurer's lawyers to reach a timely settlement of nearly £4 million gross which will ensure a better quality of life for our client and his family.

Case Study 4: Hit and run which resulted in a spinal cord injury

We're acting for Jack who was a pedestrian who was hit by a driver who then drove away. Jack woke up in the Royal London Hospital to discover that his spine had broken at a T4 level and is now unable to walk.

[Click here to listen to Jack's story and how we were able to assist him.](#)

Case Study 5: Hospital worker suffered life-changing injuries in the Westminster Bridge terror attack

We're acting for Keith, a hospital worker who was walking across Westminster Bridge when terrorist, Khalid Masood drove his car into a crowd, murdering six people. Keith was one of more than 50 people who survived with life-changing injuries.

[Click here to listen to Keith's story and how Slater and Gordon were able to assist him.](#)

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Jenny Ramsey



What our clients say

We pride ourselves on delivering the best possible service to our clients. But don't just take our word for it. Here's what some of our clients say...

"It's difficult to put into words just how much my solicitors helped me as I don't really think I would be here today without them. Since the accident I've had help from many of the departments there and I can honestly say that they're all equally as good and have delivered on everything. All I can say is that I'm so grateful to them for everything."

Jenny Ramsey (pictured left)

"You may consider it your job, but to people like me, whose lives have been changed by the accident, and didn't expect much if any compensation, the outcome, thanks to your hard work, has made life much easier for not only myself but for my wife and kids as well. Again I cannot thank you enough or all your hard work."

Mr T

"I am delighted with the outcome. Thank you for all your help. It has been very easy to communicate with you. I always felt confident that my case was in good hands and was reassured to know that you would explain things to me clearly and patiently. The final result is more than I imagined. This must be due to the careful way the evidence was put together. I am bewildered at the attention to detail required to build up the schedule of loss. I feel most fortunate in the support that I have had from you... Thank you so much."

Mrs M

"I was involved in a road traffic accident on 5 April 2006 and suffered a serious head injury. My lawyers helped me through such a difficult time and made me feel valued. I can't speak highly enough of the services they offer."

Adam Fitzgibbon (pictured on page 7)

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Frequently asked questions

These are some of the most frequently asked questions we're asked when someone who has suffered a traumatic injury decides to bring a claim.

A loved one has suffered a traumatic brain injury and is unable to bring a claim. Can I bring a claim on their behalf?

Yes. If a loved one has suffered a traumatic brain injury and doesn't have the mental capacity to bring a claim themselves, a family member may pursue the claim on their behalf. That person will be known as the Litigation Friend for court purposes.

I'm concerned about how I'm going to fund solicitors fees. What should I do?

This is understandably often a worry. However, Slater and Gordon offer 'No Win No Fee' agreements to fund cases of traumatic injury. This means that if you don't ultimately succeed with your claim, you won't have to pay anything and therefore, there's no financial risk to you. This gives our clients peace of mind that they're not going to be out of pocket by making the claim.

If the case takes some time, how am I going to manage for money if I'm unable to work?

From the moment we're instructed to act for you, we'll do our utmost to secure part of your settlement money up front, from the insurance company on the other side, to pay for things such as cost of living, private medical treatment, etc. These payments are called 'interim payments'. Interim payments can be of great benefit whilst your claim is progressing.

What if the injury requires rehabilitation?

When someone has suffered a serious injury, it's extremely important to be able to access good quality rehabilitation at the earliest possible stage. Research shows that eventual outcomes are much better for those who have access to early and bespoke rehabilitation. Rehabilitation provided through the NHS is understandably limited, which is why securing early interim payments to fund your rehabilitation is crucial.

We can help to arrange your rehabilitation as we work closely with case managers, medical experts and approved rehabilitation providers

to ensure that a tailored programme can be put in place, and that an immediate needs assessment is undertaken as soon as possible so that rehabilitation can begin without delay.

What if my home is no longer suitable for me?

There are occasions when injuries are so serious it can result in the injured person requiring additional needs, for example if they're no longer able to walk, and this can sometimes mean their home is no longer suitable.

In these circumstances, we'll work closely with the medical professionals and the AfterTrauma team to understand your changed needs and try to ensure that those needs are met, ready for your discharge from hospital. If you've already been discharged, we'll appoint a case manager to co-ordinate with all relevant organisations and charities to find an immediate solution. In many of our cases, we're able to secure interim payments to help pay for home adaptations or even fund temporary or permanent alternative accommodation.

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Adam Fitzgibbon



Will I have to go to court?

The vast majority of cases settle well in advance of having to attend court. It's usually not in the interest of either party to attend court, so negotiating and settling before that becomes necessary is important to all concerned.

However, there are a handful of occasions when an agreement can't be reached and attendance at court may be necessary. However, if this should happen, we'll be with you every step of the way to guide you through.

What is the settlement value likely to be?

Every case is different so it's impossible to say how much compensation you'll receive.

It depends on the nature and extent of your injuries and the changed needs you will have in the future.

You can rest assured that we'll do all we can to ensure your settlement will secure your long term future.

Contact us

If there's anything you're unsure of or you have any further questions please contact Nick Godwin on **0207 092 2844** or email Nick at nick.godwin@slatergordon.co.uk

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