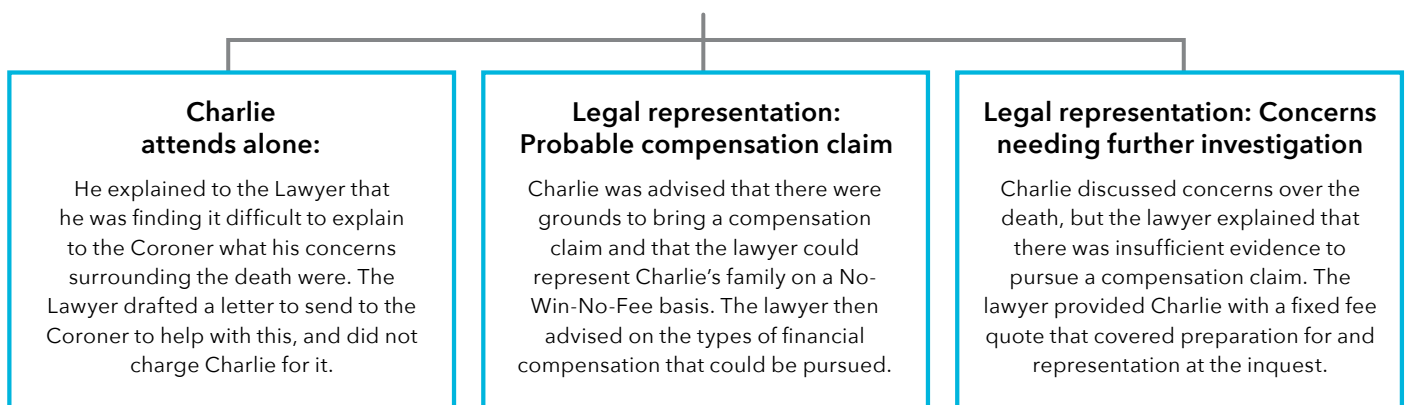


# Co-op Legal Services Inquest Team

Attending the inquest into the death of a loved one can be incredibly difficult and the process can be complicated. We're here to help with legal advice, assistance and representation if you need it.

## Here's how it works:

**Charlie was told there would be an inquest into the death of his loved one.** To understand what had happened and why an inquest was needed he called the Inquest Team at Co-op Legal Services. The team helped by giving Charlie free initial advice, information about the inquest process and Charlie's rights and options.



## Representation at the Inquest

### Preparing for the inquest:

Co-op Legal Services took care of all the necessary steps in preparing for the inquest, which included:

- 1. Obtaining** a copy of the Coroner's file and reviewing all of the evidence
- 2. Requesting** any missing evidence they identified
- 3. Preparing** a witness statement on behalf of the family
- 4. Liaising** with the Coroner about how long the inquest should take, what witnesses should be called and whether any experts were needed
- 5. Instructing** a barrister to attend the inquest to question the witnesses, explore the evidence and make legal arguments to the coroner as to the cause of death

### At the inquest:

The Barrister had reviewed all the evidence and understood all the issues in the case. The Barrister asked the witnesses questions and made legal arguments to the Coroner about what was the cause of death.

1. At the end of the inquest, the barrister advised that the evidence presented suggested there were grounds for a compensation claim.
2. Charlie used Co-op Legal Services to pursue the claim, on a No Win No Fee basis, and ultimately recovered compensation as well as the cost of the inquest representation.
3. Co-op Legal Services provided Charlie with a straightforward plan at the start, so the steps to making a claim and the length of time the process would take were clear.

**Once the Inquest had concluded**, and a verdict on the cause of death was determined, Charlie's lawyer pursued a claim and recovered compensation for: -

- The cost of the funeral
- The pain and suffering experienced by Charlie's loved one prior to their death
- Charlie's bereavement (currently set by the government at £15,120\*)
- The loss of income suffered by those financially dependant on the deceased
- The cost of replacing the services provided by the deceased to their loved ones, (E.g. childcare, gardening and cleaning around the home).

For further information visit [co-oplegalservices.co.uk/inquests/](https://co-oplegalservices.co.uk/inquests/)



\*Personal injury and clinical negligence related Bereavement Damages figure is correct as at May 2020

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