

Funding your personal injury claim

We will always discuss the best way forward in funding your claim for compensation.

Here are the main ways of funding a case:

No win no fee or Conditional Fee Agreements

This is a relatively new way to pay for the services of a lawyer and if we advise you that you do have a good claim for compensation we will enter into a written agreement known as a conditional fee agreement which will provide that we will not charge you for our services if you lose your claim. An insurance policy will cover your opponent's legal expenses and the costs of reports etc obtained by us in pursuance of an unsuccessful claim. If, as we hope, you win your case our fees and expenses will be paid by your opponent and we will usually be able to limit our costs to such a sum as is recovered from your opponent. In the majority of cases you will receive the entirety of your damages.

Legal Aid

Legal Aid or Public Funding is now very restricted and only available in clinical negligence claims to persons with low income and savings. The Government have limited the availability of funding in personal injury claims with the advent of no win no fee agreements.

Paying privately

We will be pleased to provide you with an indication of costs if you do not have a Conditional fee agreement. We are happy to accept payment of costs on an instalment basis and will at all times keep you closely informed as to the level of costs being incurred on your behalf. We will in some circumstances be able to defer payment of costs until the settlement of your claim. If you proceed with a private instruction you run the risk of losing your claim and having to pay our costs together with your opponents costs. If you win your claim the majority of costs will normally be recoverable from your opponents.

Other funding

If you have a legal expenses insurance policy we will be pleased to act for you under the terms of your policy and will advise you free of charge as to whether your claim is covered by the policy. If you are a member of a Trades Union or other similar organisation your claim may be funded for you. We have considerable experience of representing Trades Union Members and if we are not your Union's panel of solicitors, we will see if we can be funded to act in respect of your claim.