



Head and Brain Injuries

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HEAD AND BRAIN INJURY – GUIDANCE NOTE.

Each year approximately 700,000 people attend hospital in the UK after sustaining a head injury. Of this number, an estimated 80% are classified as minor head injuries and fatalities are fortunately rare.

Head injuries are generally classified as minor, moderate or severe. This classification will depend on a number of factors, including the presence of pre and post traumatic amnesia, their "Glasgow Coma Score", and the outcome of any radiology (scans and X-rays) obtained.

Most head injuries are classified as minor (many of which involve children) but there are still warning signs that should be monitored. When acting for a client who has suffered a head injury, we check for a variety of potential symptoms that commonly arise from even minor of head injuries, such as memory loss and fatigue.

Moderate or severe head injuries have the potential to be extremely disabling for the individual. If the radiology investigations or Glasgow Coma Score indicate moderate or severe head injury has occurred, then we advise that the client be closely monitored for an indeterminate period.

Sometimes the consequences of a head injury can be missed or over-looked, particularly if that individual has other urgent health issues such as significant orthopaedic or internal injuries. We often find that the close family support unit pick up on and notice changes to the individual's personality in the months following trauma, and this is something that we look out for in appropriate cases.

At Horwich Cohen Coghlan Solicitors we aim to identify potential head injury from the outset of instructions, and will ensure that the appropriate evidence is then gathered in any claim for compensation.

Early rehabilitation from properly qualified experts is essential, and we have excellent resources to implement this via an extensive network of expert case managers and therapists.

We also recognise the effect upon the clients' wider family, and will work with them to prioritise maximal delivery of the recommended treatment and rehabilitation programme, but also take account of their own day-to-day requirements. This will extend to claims for loss of income and care costs.

If you have any queries in relation to head and brain injuries, please contact one of our Major Trauma and Serious Injury solicitors on 0161 830 4600, or submit an enquiry form via our website.