BRAIN INJURY GROUP

2018 IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MEMBERS

A programme of free in-house one-hour training sessions exclusively for members of the Brain Injury Group on a range of topics.

In conjunction with our associate members
Nestor | Re:Cognition Health | Affiniti Finance Limited
Byfield Consultancy | Independent Living Solutions
we are able to offer a range of free, one-hour training sessions, delivered at your offices, to your team, at a time to suit you.

Training is undertaken in the form of powerpoint presentation or more informally if required and is delivered by experts in the subject field. Supporting literature is supplied where appropriate.

All our training sessions last one hour; there is no limit as to the number of sessions a member firm can book in any one year.

For further information, or to arrange training, please contact Julie McCarthy on 07740 283080 or julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk
**Disbursement funding**

Law firms often do not fully appreciate the pitfalls associated with certain types of disbursement finance. This course looks at all types of disbursement funding and describes the pros and cons of each type.

This course is relevant for all levels of fee earners and the financial administrators of the law firm.

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**Rehabilitation funding**

The best way of funding client rehabilitation and therapy is through interim payments; interim payments provide resources to claimants and in many cases the system works well. However, in a significant number of cases it does not. Interim payments may come with unacceptable strings attached, they may not be available at all, they may be too small and may not be available at the time that they can be of greatest benefit. Most damaging to a client’s sense of wellbeing are interim payments that are withdrawn half way through a course of rehabilitation or therapy.

This course discusses these issues and a range of possible solutions. It includes a number of fascinating case studies and is relevant for all fee earners involved with PI and Clin Neg cases with major injuries and specifically brain injuries.

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**Litigation PR**

This introductory session will outline how litigation PR works, why the media reports certain cases and the importance of having a coordinated PR strategy that dovetails the legal strategy. The session will consider the media element of a dispute on behalf of your clients, the support you should provide to clients, potential client concerns and how to engage with the media in dispute situations.

Participants will come away with a great appreciation of media relations in litigation and with the ability to advise clients on their options for engaging with the media.

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**Case management input – the costs involved**

Have you ever wondered how your case manager arrives at the figures included in their estimate of costs for case management input?

This presentation will go through the immediate needs assessment report and highlight how case management hours and costs are identified and calculated. Case studies will be used to allow your teams the opportunity to estimate case management costs. The ongoing costs of case management will also be examined, as well as the different factors that can impact on case management costs.

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**Independent and statutory services – working together to get the best for your client**

This presentation will look at how to optimise rehabilitation outcomes for your client when both independent and statutory professionals are providing services. With many clients, a long list of professionals are involved in their care. The session will include case studies which will illustrate the advantages and potential pitfalls of this.

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**Dys-executive syndrome – understanding the impact and rehabilitation needs**

Dys-executive syndrome is a common set of symptoms caused by traumatic brain injury which can have a devastating impact upon an individual, their family, their rehabilitation and community integration. Depending upon the severity of the brain injury, these problems can be ‘silent’ and subtle in their presentation. These specific issues

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**Specialist seating and wheelchairs**

An overview of the bespoke wheelchair and seating options which are available for people with complex physical disabilities, movement difficulties and mobility issues including children and adults with cerebral palsy and acquired brain injury. The complex assessment process will be explained and the transformation that correct support and mobility can make to a client’s life will be demonstrated.

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Good practice in case management for children

Considering and exploring some of the specific issues relating to case management for children and young people, this session includes the importance of finding the right case manager for your client. Some of the emotional and psychological issues often experienced by parents are considered.

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**Personal Injury Trusts**

This session is aimed at providing practising personal injury lawyers with a broad overview of personal injury trusts and how they interact with damages awards.

It will include a look at state benefit/local authority thresholds, professional negligence issues, trusts for minors and protected beneficiaries, the 52 week disregard and using trusts as part of a settlement strategy.

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**Periodical payments: claimant perspective**

The aim of this session is to provide guidance to personal injury lawyers on the issues surrounding periodical payments for future losses and the methods of approach required when considering periodical payments for the claimant.

Topics covered will include emerging case law, indexation and interim payments, periodical payments and reduced value awards, how and when to instruct an expert and relevant case studies.

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**Claims for loss of pension and loss of earnings**

There have been changes to all types of pension over the last three to four years, which affects how a pension loss will be calculated. Topics covered will include the types of pension, how these have changed, how the loss should be calculated.
Calculations for lost pension also have an impact on loss of earnings. Calculations of lost earnings can be covered in the same session or as a separate session. Topics covered will include the information required for employees, the self-employed, people working through a partnership or their own company, taxation of earnings.

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**Neuro-imaging: what you need to know and new biomarkers in development for understanding TBI severity and prognostic indicators**

The ability for imaging techniques to define the extent and type of brain injury continues to improve. However, understanding which imaging to use, when and how, is becoming more complex. As we move to a position where we can measure evidence of brain injury with use of imaging biomarkers, it is important to differentiate between information which has been peer reviewed and appropriate to reference in Court and imaging data which is still under evaluation.

This presentation reviews how diagnostic imaging can, assist in the understanding of the extent, location and type of brain injury and provide valuable information for rehabilitation.

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**More than a therapist – the role of the neuropsychologist in the medical legal context**

This talk aims to explain the different hats the neuropsychologist wears in the medico-legal process: from expert witness with their assessment tools used to measure clients strengths, weaknesses and future, to the more practical role of leading rehabilitation teams in goal direct programmes, through face to face client and family work, medical liaison and support workers training.

This talk will provide practical and useful insights into what can and cannot be expected, as well as some first-hand experience of the tests that clients are often expected to perform repeatedly for different people year on year.

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Pain and fatigue

This session will focus on two common aspects of mTBI: chronic pain and chronic fatigue. Drawing from what is understood from two conditions in which chronic idiopathic pain and fatigue is prominent, along with a cluster of symptoms that is also seen in prolonged concussion, it will outline commonalities that point towards a shared neurophysiological vulnerability, which may also explain chronicity and response to treatment. Further to this, the session will aim to demonstrate that a final common pathway exists within areas of the brain implicated in mTBI by novel functional neuroimaging methods such as DTI that also define a vulnerability to PTSD and affective disorders such as depression.

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