

# Brain Injury Group Membership Benefits and In-House Training

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# Meet our team



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Sally is the founder of the Group and has responsibility for strategic partnerships and development, professional connections and the on-going development of membership benefits.



**Mark Beaumont, Director, 07730 217 643**

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Mark has been a director of Brain Injury Group since 2013. He assists with business development.



**Julie McCarthy, Training and Membership Manager, 07740 283080**

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Julie organises our training and events programme and is responsible for law firm and associate memberships. She also runs our social media accounts, deals with all financial matters and day to day enquiries.



**Andy Smith, Website and Internet Marketing**

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Andy is responsible for everything to do with our website including member profiles and internet marketing.

## Services for members of Brain Injury Group

Membership of Brain Injury Group provides you with a host of benefits, including:

- Profiles for up to 6 offices in the 'Find a Solicitor' section of our website, with up to 4 specialist lawyer profiles for each office;
- Entries in the Legal Services section of the BIG Directory, for all private client areas of law delivered by your firm;
- 1 free place at all APIL Accredited training days, with subsidised additional places (all places must be booked in advance and are subject to availability);
- Unlimited use of the in-house training programme – a selection of one hour sessions delivered by our associate members, at your offices, at a time to suit your team. Details can be found within this booklet;
- Participation in our Legal & Welfare Service (LAWS) on-site where opportunities arise. LAWS is a free, no obligation service for individuals, their families, and the health care professionals who support them, providing access to initial advice on a range of legal, financial and welfare issue. This service is provided at selected neuro rehabilitation facilities across the UK with members attending on a regular basis to provide drop in sessions. It can also be accessed via telephone and dedicated email;
- Access to free and discounted associate member services to support your clients, their cases and your firm – full details within;
- *GroupTalk*, our members newsletter, delivered electronically to all your nominated fee earners.

Additional opportunities are available for those members who wish to enhance their membership (additional fees may apply), which include:

- Membership of our Court of Protection panel, subject to meeting qualifying criteria;
- Membership of our Education Group;
- Run our Road Safety Week competition with your local school(s);

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# In-house training programme

## **Introduction to Litigation PR – delivered by Byfield Consultancy**

This session will show you how translating a legal position into a coordinated PR strategy can simplify the handling of the media element of a dispute, helping you guide your clients through the process so you can focus on the case. Participants will come away with a confident level of knowledge of how litigation PR works and how to advise and support your clients when it comes to engaging with the media. You will also learn why the media report certain cases and about the concerns potential clients have.

## **The cost of case management – delivered by ILS**

Have you ever wondered how your Case Manager works out their costings in the Immediate Needs Assessment report? All will be revealed in this session along with a look at the factors which can impact the ongoing case management costs. Real case costs will be used to illustrate how cases which look similar can have vastly different costs.

## **Independent and statutory services working together – delivered by ILS**

Optimising therapeutic input for the client is key to successful outcomes. It can be cost effective and beneficial for many clients to have independent and statutory professionals working with them. This session looks at how duplication is avoided, overlap reduced and funding maximised to achieve client goals.

## **Case management from tot to teen – delivered by ILS**

Case management evolves over time with all clients particularly when supporting a client through transition periods. These key times also impact the progress and costs for the legal case. This session considers how costs differ through different stages of a client's life.

## **Safeguarding Vulnerable Clients – delivered by ILS**

Supporting and protecting vulnerable clients raises many dilemmas for case managers and their legal teams. This session will consider some of those challenges, effective working with different agencies and successful team working to achieve the best outcomes for the client.

### **Managing expectations – clients and families – delivered by ILS**

This session demonstrates how a mismatch between the expectations of the client and their clinical team can lengthen the legal process and increase the costs.

Using a case study and anecdotal evidence strategies for supporting client engagement and managing expectations for those who have limited insight into their injury will be shared. Goals which everyone understands and owns are key.

### **What is good case management? – delivered by ILS**

Successful case management depends on the right case manager who will establish good communications & working relationships with the client and everyone involved in the case.

This session considers identifying the best case manager, the key elements of the case management process and explores the key challenges and the identifiers for success and their impact on case management costs.

### **Personal Injury Trusts – delivered by Nestor**

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.

### **Periodical payments: claimant perspective – delivered by Nestor**

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.

### **Claims for loss of pension and loss of earnings – delivered by Nestor**

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.

### **Neuro-imaging: what you need to know and new biomarkers in development for understanding TBI severity and prognostic indicators – delivered by Re:Cognition Health**

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.

**To book in-house training, email [julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk](mailto:julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk)**

# Associate Members



## Brain Injury is BIG

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## Services for members of Brain Injury Group

### Emotional support network

Brain Injury is BIG is a registered charity who provide support for people who have loved ones with devastating brain injuries. They may be severely disabled, in a persistent vegetative state, minimally aware/conscious or locked in. The founding members of the Charity all have loved ones who suffered a life changing brain injury.

**Telephone Support** (available from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm) For those who want some advice or just someone to listen and care.

**Online Forum** A place where you can share your story with others in similar situations, or give and get advice and support.

**Support Clinics** Where possible Brain Injury is BIG can hold clinics at hospitals and long term care facilities to talk over the issues that they've all faced.

**Social Events** There's nothing quite like getting to know other people in the same situation over coffee or lunch or a glass of wine. The emotional support it offers is invaluable for helping you to understand that you are not alone in this.

### Small grants scheme

Brain Injury is BIG is pleased to offer a grant scheme to assist with providing equipment or therapies, such as physiotherapy and speech and language for severely brain injured individuals in hospital, rehabilitation, or long- term care, or financial help with transport or accommodation costs.

Grants are available to both individuals and to residential care homes that ordinarily care for severely brain injured people.

Terms and conditions apply – see their website for full information.

## Byfield Consultancy

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**Legal Communications Consultancy** Byfield Consultancy is a legal communications consultancy that specialises in helping personal injury and clinical negligence practices raise their profiles through the media. They position lawyers as expert commentators in the media on issues affecting the industry, as well as promoting client cases. This kind of exposure can help the client's cause, drive new instructions to the law firm, and position the lawyer as an expert in their field.

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## TSF CONSULTANTS

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TSF are a multi award-winning company specialising in the assessment of mental capacity. Through their core values of empathy, compassion and knowledge they ensure that everyone is treated with respect and dignity and supported to achieve their optimum.

TSF have a network of specialist mental capacity assessors across England and Wales. All their mental capacity assessments occur in a place chosen by the individual, at a time of their choosing. This enables tSF to ensure the client feels comfortable and empowered to present at their best.

All TSF assessors are health or social care professionals and are recognised by the Court of Protection and the Office of the Public Guardian. They have established their own unique internal quality governance team. Due to this assessments and outcomes are of the highest quality and stand up to legal challenge

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**Mental Capacity Assessments** Assessments for LPA's, CoP3's, testamentary capacity and contentious probate, undertaken by experienced health professionals fully trained in the application of the Mental Capacity Act and relevant case law. Assessments supported by robust and detailed contemporaneous reports.



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### Services for members of Brain Injury Group

**Costs Budgeting and Management** Preparation of costs budget alongside expert advice on retainer documentation and recoverability. Full costs drafting, negotiation and advocacy services.

**Helpdesk Service** Verus provides a free helpdesk service for all costs related matters and queries.

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## Law Select

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The concept which led to LawSelect is simple; when like-minded professional firms collaborate in an exclusive programme which combines PI insurance protection with the resources to improve your practice, everyone benefits. Great relationships make for great business.

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- Firms differentiated by quality of risk profile
- Claims are managed by expert professional negligence solicitors who have been appointed by LawSelect insurers more info
- Specialist solicitors professional indemnity team with more than 40 years of experience

### Services for members of Brain Injury Group

**Professional Indemnity Insurance Renewal Quotation** LawSelect is an exclusive, bespoke Professional Indemnity Programme that provides premium stability through risk and claims management from a specialist Lloyds of London broker.



## Nestor

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### Services for members of Brain Injury Group

#### Welfare Benefits Advice

Identifying available benefits, assistance in completing the application forms and, if necessary, practical support through any appeal.

#### PI Trusts and Financial Advice

Expert advice on: Periodical Payments; Personal Injury Trust; Court of Protection Investments; and Taxation & Office of Public Guardian Returns.

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The most comprehensive and integrated clinical group in the UK focused on brain injury and associated cognitive impairment offering reporting, assessment, imaging and rehabilitation services to lawyers, insurers and case managers.

### Services for members of Brain Injury Group

**Neuro Consultants (and Digital Imaging)** Our neuro-exclusive network of leading consultants and specialists will provide collaborative neurological reports and clinical services.

On-site access to a high density 3T scanner to identify subtle disruption to the neuro pathways.

## Premex+

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Premex+ is a specialist service designed to deliver high quality medico-legal reports for Serious Injury cases, Clinical Negligence claims, Industrial Disease and other Complex Cases. Our experts have a proven track record when it comes to handling complex and challenging cases.

For over 20 years, our highly experienced panel of specialist experts have been at the heart of our business. We have one of the most skilled and knowledgeable expert panels in the medico-legal sector, combining a vast number of years' experience in an array of different specialisms and fields.

### Services for members of Brain Injury Group

**Specialist Medico-Legal Reports** Premex+ can assist with a full medico-legal package providing services on a menu operated basis with the facility to defer payment through Premex+

- obtaining medical records from GPs, hospitals and clinics.
- sorting, paginating and analysing medical records.
- advice from neuro clinicians on appropriate medical disciplines and individual experts.
- instruct neurological experts via Premex+ with the ability to maintain your existing expert relationships.
- multi-disciplinary medico-legal reports are available individually or as a collaborative report.

# Court of Protection Expertise

Whilst Court of Protection Deputyship matters are very common in brain injury cases, not all our member law firms have the capacity to offer professional deputyship services.

Within the Brain Injury Group membership there are a number of firms that have developed significant expertise in providing and managing deputyship services and we have established a Court of Protection panel to support those members who do not have either the resource or experience to provide the level of service that the management of their client's affairs demand.

If you'd like to know more about joining our Court of Protection panel, email [julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk](mailto:julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk)

Find full details on our website

<https://www.braininjurygroup.co.uk/court-of-protection-panel/>

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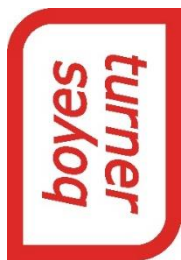
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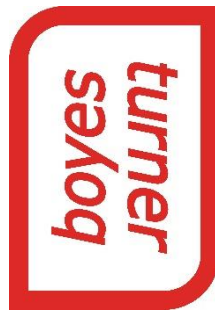
# Special Educational Needs Expertise

It is not unusual for a child who has sustained a brain injury to require additional help throughout their education, which is provided via SEN support. Children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) should expect to receive funding which will be used by their school to provide additional support.

Within the Brain Injury Group membership we have established an Education Group to support those members who do not have either the resource or experience to provide advice regarding Special Educational Needs.

If you'd like to know more about joining our Education Group, email [julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk](mailto:julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk)

Find full details on our website <https://www.braininjurygroup.co.uk/living-with-brain-injury/children-brain-injury/education-following-a-brain-injury/>



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