



BRAIN INJURY GROUP

Specialist training from brain injury experts

2019 TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Brain Injury Group provides award winning specialist training from brain injury experts. Designed for catastrophic injury lawyers (claimant and defendant) including barristers, our training is also highly relevant to insurers, case managers, other health and social care professionals working with brain injured individuals and those from charities which support people affected by brain injury.

We also provide bespoke training days, free of charge, for the NHS. Please email us for further information enquiries@braininjurygroup.co.uk.

Training agendas are subject to change due to speaker availability

Our training is sponsored by:



Court of Protection

27 February 2019, Plymouth

Avoiding common problems in dealing with a person's property and affairs

A session exploring the ways in which common difficulties faced by attorneys and deputies can be avoided, in particular, considering the ambit of deputyship powers, the co-ownership of property, the making of gifts and replying to requests of the Office of the Public Guardian.

Capacity testing

A look at the different types of capacity tests dependent on the circumstances, including capacity to make a Will, conduct a sexual relationship, financial affairs, health and welfare.

Respecting rights: supported decision-making and the effective participation of P

Considering the recent Law Commission Report on DOLS and developments in cases which focus on rights to family life and the consideration of religious and cultural needs/beliefs.

Avoiding contested applications to the CoP:

- **Keeping the family relationship healthy**
Keeping families working together with the support team to ensure the family do not feel they have lost their position as parents/spouse/brothers/sisters and looking at their own psychological needs in coming to terms with the situation they find themselves in.
- **Could mediation be the way forward?**
Where areas of dispute arise, could mediation be a viable alternative to contested applications? To include health and welfare disputes, including disputes about medical treatment, residence, care and support and deprivation of liberty, serious medical treatment disputes, property and financial affairs disputes and mixed health and welfare, and property and affairs disputes.

Capacity

This session will look at capacity including Gillick competency in relation to children and young adults where parents are wanting to make decisions.

Children: what can be claimed?

Presentation of a case study to look at a schedule of loss for a brain injured child including what can be claimed for, the effect of contributory negligence on post settlement affordability, etc.

End of Life decisions

Dealing with end of life decisions including the legal framework and key flash points:

- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The MCA 2005
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Consultation
- Wishes and feelings at the end of life
- Life-sustaining treatment and court declarations

Cerebral Palsy

6 March 2019, Manchester

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Introduction to Cerebral Palsy

An overview of cerebral palsy including the different types, diagnosis, birth injury, neonatal injury and risk factors

Breach of duty – labour

This session will look at breach of duty during labour which would give rise to a clinical negligence claim

Breach of duty/causation issues from a medical perspective – neonatal

This session will look at breach of duty and causation issues in neonatal injury which would give rise to a clinical negligence claim

Associated co-morbidities and complications of Cerebral Palsy

Some people with CP will also have associated complications. This session will provide an overview of associated conditions including learning difficulties, epilepsy, communication difficulties, feeding and vision.

The CP Pathway

A look at what the CP Pathway is, how a child with cerebral palsy will follow the pathway and the treatment and rehabilitation available via the NHS.

Role of the case manager – practical challenges

The role of the case manager is wide and varied. From liaising with the client, their families and legal advisers, to booking therapies, assisting with educational issues and arranging care packages. This session will look at the practical challenges involved in managing those relationships and arrangements.

Legal update on liability and quantum affecting CP cases

Periodical payments v lump sum settlement, accommodation claims and other current issues in CP claims

Brain Injury – Legal Considerations

18 March 2019, London

Accident Reconstruction

When should you instruct an accident reconstruction specialist to prepare a report as part of a catastrophic injury claim and what can they tell you that the police report does not? Including a look at methods used for calculating speed of vehicles, whether seatbelts were worn, the use of helmets and positioning of each vehicle at point of impact.

GDPR for catastrophic injury lawyers

This session will look at the provisions of the General Data Protection Rules which are relevant to catastrophic injury lawyers and 9 months post implementation, how it is working in practice.

Predicting Life Expectancy

Overview of the statistical premise of assessing life expectancy following TBI for both adults and children and when to use a medical statistician, when to use an appropriate medical consultant and when to use both. This session will also consider the opinion that the gold standard treatment achieved following a compensation award in the UK will enhance life expectancy.

Secondary Victim Claims

What are secondary victim claims and when may they occur? A review of recent case law and evidential and practical tips for bringing a secondary victim claim.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme

This session will provide a general overview of the CICA scheme so far as it relates to brain injury claims including: objections and reductions to such claims; value of TBI claims; overcoming typical obstacles; maximising loss of earnings and care claims; lack of capacity; interim payments; funding; and practical steps for evidence gathering.

Essential Legal Update

Review of new case law and statutory provision that affect the practitioners in the field of brain injury.

Clinical negligence: Meningitis

14 May 2019, Reading

Overview of Meningitis

An overview of Meningitis including what is it, how it can be caused, how it is diagnosed and all possible side effects including septicaemia and brain injury.

Breach of duty

This session will look at breach of duty in relation to meningitis and septicaemia which could give rise to a clinical negligence claim

Causation – medical perspective

Causation issues with meningitis and septicaemia which could give rise to a clinical negligence claim.

Associated complications and rehabilitation needs - Children

- Looking at rehabilitation needs and treatment in childhood
- Considering the clinical features and associated complications

Associated complications and rehabilitation needs - Adults

- Looking at rehabilitation needs and treatment in adulthood, including employment aspects
- Considering the clinical features and associated complications

Prosthetics

Looking at the latest prostheses and technological advances for children and adults with amputated limbs

Quantum in meningitis cases

Presentation of a schedule of loss in a meningitis case where client has a brain injury and amputation.

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Child brain injuries – the teenage and transitional years

9 July 2018, London

Brain injury and ADHD, autism and learning disabilities

EHCPS – What are they? Who needs them? And Why?

Starting employment

The transitional years – the developing body and mind

The transitional years – moving from paediatric services to adult services

Independent Living Trials

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Clinical Negligence - Sepsis

24 September 2019, London

Overview of Sepsis

What is it, causes and how it is diagnosed.

Breach of duty

What are the alarm bells – a look at breach of duty which could give rise to a clinical negligence claim

Causation

Causation issue with Sepsis that could give rise to a clinical negligence claim.

Charity

How they assist people with Sepsis and latest research into Sepsis.

Associated complications

What other complications can arise from sepsis?

Legal Case Study

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Brain injury – medical considerations

29 October 2019, London

Anatomy of the Brain

- Introduction to the main parts of the brain and their functions including how it controls thoughts, memory, speech, limb movement, hormones, function of all organs, senses, etc.
- Dealing with the most common forms of brain injury and their consequences and from a surgical perspective, what can be done.

Severe disorders of consciousness

The crucial challenge of establishing levels of awareness.

Aphasia and communication problems following brain injury

- How can TBI affect communication, including altered levels of consciousness, language difficulties, speech difficulties, dysarthria and dyspraxia of speech, cognitive communication difficulties
- How communication, rehab and speech therapy work and the likely outcomes
- Communication aids.

Vision after brain injury

- Typical visual problems following a TBI
- visual acuity loss, visual field loss (effect on peripheral vision), double vision, nystagmus, degrees of blindness, visual agnosia, prosopagnosia (face blindness), hemineglect, hypersensitivity to light, associated headaches
- The impact these problems have on the patients socially, domestically, vocationally and in any other ways
- Treatments/rehab/prognosis
- Coping strategies and assistive technology

Treatment of spasticity and contractures

- Looking at the management of spasticity and the benefits of treatment
- Considering the clinical features and associated complications

Prognosticating in severe brain injury

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Rehabilitation

19 November 2019, London

The Rehabilitation Code

This session will cover why the Rehabilitation Code exists, what it is and what it sets out to achieve.

Ipad and Eyegaze

A look at the latest app based assistive technology with a particular focus on eyegaze.

Understanding plasticity/acquiring new skills after a brain injury

To look at how people acquire new skills to assist with rehabilitation, such as learning for a new job if they are unable to return to their existing job, or re-learning skills post brain injury.

Statutory and Independent Services

Challenging behaviour

How a brain injury affects behaviour, treatment and strategies for coping.

Managing a client's, and their families, expectations

This session should look at how to manage expectations on level of recovery and how to deal with that if the hoped for recovery does not occur.

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£190 + VAT for all other delegates

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Price includes refreshments, lunch and course materials which will be available to download.

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For all training days, registration commences at 9 am for a 9.30 am start

Places are limited and reserved on a first come first served basis.

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