



BRAIN INJURY GROUP

Specialist training from brain injury experts

2018 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.



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Rehabilitation following brain injury Part I

24 January 2018, Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BS

Overview of rehabilitation following a brain injury

Andrew Hanrahan, Consultant in Neurorehabilitation, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

This session will provide an overview of rehabilitation following a brain injury including the stages in neuro rehabilitation, assessments and goal setting, the disciplines which may be involved in rehabilitation, and the effectiveness of rehabilitation.

Clinical Neuropsychology

Dr Stephen Roundhill, Roundhill Rehabilitation

This session will provide delegates with an overview of neuropsychology and the neuropsychological tests used to help identify cognitive deficits caused by a brain injury. It will further provide an overview of the potential benefits of neuropsychological rehabilitation.

Occupational therapy and the Model of Human Occupation (MOHO) - the art of the possible rather than the science of the impossible with complex behaviour

Jo Throp, Clinical Director and Hayley Green, Neurological Occupational Therapist, Krysalis Consultancy

Personality changes and behavioural problems are common following a brain injury. These symptoms can range from subtle to changes to dramatic transformations that have a significant impact on the individual and family life. Using the Model of Human Occupation, this session will look at how occupational therapists analyse these changes and can help with appropriate coping strategies that are truly focused on the individual.

Communication

Mark Williams, Consultant Speech and Language Therapist

A brain injury may have a pervasive affect upon a wide range of abilities, inclusive of those for cognition, language and communication. This session will consider impairment and its impact upon functional communication for people with brain injury. It will also highlight the range of options available in terms of assessment and intervention, inclusive of assistive technology and implications for professional support thereafter.

Making the family skeleton dance: working with families following brain injury

Dr Richard Maddicks, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Psychology Chartered

Working with families following acquired brain injury presents opportunities and challenges in equal measure. This presentation will outline the evidence base surrounding effects on the family and the importance of families and relationships to neurorehabilitation, adjustment and outcomes. It will identify obstacles to working effectively with families and consider ways of working that address family needs.

Return to work or adult education

Dr Andy Tyerman, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

This session will look at how returning to work, further or higher education or alternative occupation is a key component of rehabilitation following a brain injury, the support required to achieve it, and the challenges that may need to be overcome. It will also look at the likelihood of success when considering a return to work or education and the importance of setting realistic expectations and goals.

Rehabilitation following brain injury Part II

13 March 2018, Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BS

The challenges of providing care in client's homes

Susie Quinlan, Case Manager, Independent Living Solutions

The ideal scenario when a care package is put in place is for everyone to work in harmony together, but what happens when it all goes wrong and how can such situations be resolved? Using case studies, this session will look at both the ideal of the team working in harmony and the reverse scenario of when conflict and issues arise, how these can be avoided, and how to deal with them when they do arise.

The multidisciplinary team and medico legal cases – the medical perspective

Lindsay McLellan, Emeritus Professor of Rehabilitation, Brain Injury Group

Why specialists in rehabilitation medicine are often uneasy when they are the only clinical rehabilitation expert to give evidence in medico legal cases.

Understanding occupational therapy

Nikki Thompson, Executive Director, The OT Practice

Overview of occupational therapy, what to look for, how to access and what an OT can offer to brain injury clients. Including case studies and Q&A to help delegates understand the role of an OT and what principles are at the heart of the profession, enabling referrals to be far more focused and thereby increasing the rehabilitation potential of their clients.

Orthotics

Alan Hews, Senior Orthotist, The London Orthotic Consultancy

This session will look at orthotics and how they can assist adults and children with a brain injury. The session will also look at orthotic medico legal reports and how future orthotics needs are calculated.

Neuro physiotherapy

Susan Filson, Susan J Filson Physiotherapy Consultancy Ltd

An overview of how physiotherapy can be used to assist in the rehabilitation of brain injured individuals including the common issues and how physiotherapy is delivered.

The session will also look at specialist therapy treatments and equipment, exercise programmes (including riding and aquatics) and the role family/carers play in on going physiotherapy.

Funding of rehabilitation

Nick Shapland, Affiniti Finance

What happens when funding via interim payments has unacceptable strings attached, is not available, is available but not at sufficient levels, not available at the correct time or is withdrawn – what are the alternatives?

The latest advances in rehabilitation technology

Christopher Campbell, The Buckinghamshire Group

The use of technology in rehabilitation has advanced significantly in recent years. This session will look at the newest and most innovative equipment used in rehabilitation to provide the best possible care and outcome for the individual.

Optimising Outcomes - how the arts therapies transform rehabilitation

Jo Godsall, Clinical Services Manager, Chroma

A look at how neurologic music therapy, art and drama therapy can transform the relationship a patient has with their rehabilitation, and provide a clinical and cost-effective approach to MDT working.

Child brain injury

24 April 2018, Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BS

Specific legal issues to successfully run a child brain injury case

Gerard Martin QC, Exchange Chambers

- ✿ When a case can safely be settled
- ✿ Timing of medical reports and evidence
- ✿ Managing the expectations of parents
- ✿ Iqbal lost years
- ✿ Hunt v Severs – practical solutions
- ✿ Roberts v Johnstone update

How to assess cognitive ability and emotional problems when a child has communication issues

Dr Peter Tucker, Recolo

Public funding issues for children

Carole Chantler, Carole Chantler Limited

This session will look at public funding and available benefits for children along with the transition from child to adult funding.

Long term outcomes of TBI in childhood

Professor S Fazel, University of Oxford

A look at the 2016 report and what it could mean for child brain injury claims

Family Life

Lindsay Oliver, Independent Living Solutions

Independent Living Solutions will discuss the stress and strain, on family life, and in particular, parental relationships, that having a child who has a brain injury imposes and how family life can be supported

Managing interim and final payments in child brain injury cases

Christine Bunting, Director, Hyphen Law

- ✿ Options for managing them
- ✿ When do you need to apply for authority to spend?
- ✿ The role of the Court of Protection

Brain injuries: Hydrocephalus

5 June 2018, Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BS

Introduction to hydrocephalus – diagnosis and breach of duty/negligence

Dr Gayatri Vadlamani, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Leeds General Infirmary

This session will provide an overview of types of hydrocephalus, diagnosis and breach of duty/negligence including failure to diagnose shunt malfunction and delay in diagnosis.

Causation issues from a medical perspective

Ian Pople, North Bristol NHS Trust

A look at causation issues of hydrocephalus which could give rise to a clinical negligence claim.

Treatment of hydrocephalus

Mr John Goodden, Consultant Neurosurgeon (Adult & Paediatric), Leeds General Infirmary

How hydrocephalus is treated with surgery, including shunt surgery, ETV, the impact of timing of treatment and complications post-surgery including ongoing shunt issues

The Impact of hydrocephalus on families

Katherine Pearce (mum to Oliver, aged 6) and Naomi Marston, Shine

A parents account of the impact of hydrocephalus and how the charity, Shine, can support families living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida.



Vision

John Elston, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Oxford University Hospitals, Royal Berks Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital

This session will provide information on potential issues with vision for people with hydrocephalus, what an ophthalmologist will test for, how testing is carried out, and treatments.

Behavioural issues

Dr James Tonks, Consultant Neuropsychologist, Haven Psychology

A look at how understanding language, concentration, short term memory and processing information can impact on behaviour and strategies for managing challenging behaviour.

Material contribution and divisibility of injury

Dr Simon Fox QC, No 5 Chambers

- ✿ Which injuries are caused by hydrocephalus and would have been avoided but for the breach of duty.
- ✿ Which injuries are caused by a primary injury that caused the hydrocephalus (eg bleed, tumour) and might be unavoidable.
- ✿ How material contribution arguments can be pleaded to recover for all injuries.

Brain injuries

10 July 2018, Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BS

Sleep and fatigue after brain injury

Professor Mike Barnes, National Neurological Rehabilitation Chambers

People who have sustained a brain injury commonly suffer sleep disturbances and fatigue. This can impact greatly on cognition, attention and judgement and be an impairment to rehabilitation. Professor Mike Barnes will consider this often undiagnosed consequence of brain injury.

Housing Adaptations

Anava Baruch, MD and Clinical Lead at Design For Independence - the housing occupational therapy specialists

Anava will discuss how to translate medical conditions into architectural designs, and show how inclusive design can empower those with brain injuries to live as independently as possible.

Personal Injury Trusts

David Rees QC, 5 Stone Buildings

This session will consider personal injury trusts in high value injury cases and practical consequences of OH v Craven.

Bringing balance to the brain – harnessing the vestibular system for neuro-rehabilitation

Professor David Wilkinson, University of Kent

This talk will look at the structure and function of the vestibular system and the clinical studies that have been done which show that artificial stimulation of the vestibular system can improve neurological symptoms in TBI, stroke and Parkinson's.

Pushing the boundaries

Harry Steinberg QC, 12 Kings Bench Walk

Creative therapies, hydrotherapy, the latest housing adaptations, exoskeleton – when can these be included in a claim and the evidence and strategies required.

Is it ever too early to involve a case manager?

Karen Rullo, Neurohealth

What value can a case manager add in an acute or immediately post acute setting? What assistance can they provide in the move from an NHS facility to a rehab facility and what barriers do they face from NHS/Defendants?

Cerebral Palsy

London 12 September 2018

Manchester 6 March 2019

Introduction to Cerebral Palsy

Dr Charlie Fairhurst, Evelina London Children's Hospital

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

Breach of duty – labour

Professor Tim Draycott, Southmead Hospital (London)

Professor Alexander Heazell, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (Manchester)

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

Professor Simon Mitchell, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

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

Associated complications

Dr Jill Cadwgan, Evelina London Children's Hospital

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

Elizabeth Gray, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation

This session will 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

Anita Reals, Independent Living Solutions

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

Henry Witcomb QC, 1 Crown Office Row (London)

Bill Braithwaite QC, Exchange Chambers (Manchester)

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

Brain injuries

9 October 2018, London

Is it ever too late to undertake rehabilitation

Dr Edmund Bonikowski, National Neurological Rehabilitation Chambers

This session will look at whether it is ever considered too late to undertake rehabilitation and whether the 2 year recovery period from acquired brain injury is a myth or reality.

Update on Traumatic Brain Injury & Dementia

Dr Mike Dilley, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This talk will consider the relationship between TBI and dementia and highlight recent advances in the literature. Key controversies will be discussed from a medicolegal perspective.

Essential costs update

Reuben Glynn, PIC

A look at the latest developments and updates in relation to costs in catastrophic injury claims.

Music Therapy

Rosie Axon, Chiltern Music Therapy

A look at how neurological music therapy fits into joint-working alongside the other health professionals that many case managers and legal teams use

The discount rate and Civil Justice Committee Consultation

Nick Martin, Nestor

18 months after the change to the discount rate, Nick will look at where we are now and what the future holds

Fundamental dishonesty – medical and legal aspects

Colm Nugent, Hardwicke and Karren Towgood, Re:Cognition Health

- The differences between malingering, non organic pain, conscious and unconscious exaggeration.
- What to look out for and when alarm bells ring
- Definition of fundamental dishonesty – what the defendant has to prove
- Impact on your case and tactics to defend a claim of fundamental dishonesty
- Case law

Court of Protection

London 13 November 2018

Plymouth 27 February 2019

Avoiding common problems in dealing with a person's property and affairs - Ian Brownhill, No 5 Chambers

A session exploring the ways in which common difficulties are 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 – Tim Farmer, TSF Consultants

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 – Nageena Khaliq QC, No 5 Chambers

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.

Alternatives to contested applications to the CoP:

- **Keeping the family relationship healthy Richard Maddicks, Psychology Chartered**

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? Chris Danbury, Berkshire NHS Trust (London)/Andrew Hannam, Enable Law (Plymouth)**

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 and consent Katie Webber and Paul Sankey, Enable Law

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

Children: what can be claimed? - Mamta Gupta (London) and Jonathan Derrington (Plymouth) No 5 Chambers

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.

Managing the money post settlement – making the award last - Nick Martin, Nestor

End of Life decisions Patricia Wass, Worldwide Chair of STEP, Enable Law

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

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Feedback from previous training days:

- ✿ The agenda was one of the best I have ever attended. Law but mixed up with invaluable practical stuff. 20 PQE Barrister, 7 Bedford Row, July 2017
- ✿ Progressive, up to date information and day which provided holistic information about brain injury. Fantastic event – would recommend and come again. 11 PQE Solicitor, Leigh Day, October 2017
- ✿ Excellent high-quality cutting-edge information. BIG are an excellent source of training and updates in relation to ABI and neuro rehab – highly recommended. Recolo, October 2017
- ✿ Thanks Brain Injury Group for another carefully crafted informative day - raising some thought provoking issues surrounding the challenges our patients face... Case Manager, July 2017
- ✿ One of the very best I have attended and you can quote me on that. Mark Tawn, Solicitor, Davey Law, April 2017
- ✿ This is the best brain injury training in the country and all the skills are transferable to high value catastrophic claims, so we are all being up-skilled. Geoffrey Leaver, 2016

Delegate Rates per session

Brain Injury Group member firms qualify for ONE free place. Additional places available at the preferential rate of £95 + VAT

£95 + VAT for charities, full time students (on production of NUS card), healthcare and social care professionals

£190 + VAT for all other delegates

Please see below for terms and conditions of booking.

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