



# Your guide to head and brain injury claims

Every year, more than 150,000 people in the UK suffer brain damage as a result of a head or brain injury. This is a highly specialised area of litigation and here at RJW we have the experience to ensure that you achieve the maximum amount of financial compensation to which you are entitled.

“As ever words cannot adequately express the true sense of gratitude that I feel at this time, but once again I extend to you a heartfelt thank you on behalf of me and my entire family for all the hard work, professionalism, and support that you have provided.”

**Client testimonial**

## Understanding your case

As every case is different, we begin by gaining a clear picture of your circumstances so that we can give you a frank assessment of your likely award. This will help you to start planning for the future.

With extensive experience in this area, our team understands the many issues and problems facing someone who has suffered a head or brain injury. The effects can be physical and/or mental, minor or devastating. They are frequently life-changing for the individual, family members and close friends.

## The advice you need, when you need it

We provide a sensitive service that is tailor-made for each client. This means that you can rely on your case being handled in a prompt, responsive and sympathetic way. Our goal is to secure the compensation you need with as little delay and stress as possible.

## With you for the long-term

Whilst we recognise that money is an important aspect in providing a suitable quality of life for those affected by brain injury, it is not the whole solution. Rehabilitation, aids, equipment and ongoing medical treatment can all have a key role in helping someone with a head injury return, as much as is possible, to an independent life.

Our team will be able to put you in touch with all the relevant support groups dedicated to helping people adjust to living with brain injury. We can also assemble an excellent team to help manage your case and care long-term and advise you on benefits and local authority support.

## Headway

Headway is a registered charity that provides free advice and support for people who have suffered a head or brain injury and those who care for them. We are proud to support them and the vital work they do throughout the UK.

To find your nearest group, visit [www.headway.org.uk](http://www.headway.org.uk) or call their helpline on 0808 800 2244.

## Some recent cases:

### Case 1

Our client was just 12 years old when she was hit by a car whilst on her way home from school. She was using a pelican crossing with a school patrol when the car went through the red light. We recovered £8.5 million in damages, ensuring that she could receive the ongoing care and support that she required. Her father wrote: "...many thanks from us all here, from the bottom of our hearts. We cannot thank you enough for the advice etc for the family. You and your team have handled everything superbly, many many thanks."

### Case 2

We also succeeded in obtaining £1.2 million for a client following an accident when he was a passenger in a car driven by his friend. He tried to continue his normal life with his wife but his brain injury and changed personality made this impossible. After spending some time in supported housing where he learnt to cope with his disability, he moved into his own flat and obtained a part-time job. He has adapted to a different future and is enjoying life once again. His financial award is being looked after by the Court of Protection with the help of a professional Deputy, who we appointed on his behalf.

### Case 3

We recently acted for a girl of less than a year old who was hit by a car and left brain-damaged. She needed round the clock care and was on a ventilator. We secured £800,000 from the driver's insurer as an interim payment. She is now looked after by a privately funded care package, also paid for by the driver's insurer, which will remain for the rest of her life. We also secured payments for her parents in respect of their loss of earnings and time spent looking after her.

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**We pride ourselves on our fair fee structure – there is no charge for the initial consultation and we guarantee that you will receive 100% of any compensation awarded.**

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