When considering an accident claim, a local personal injury solicitor is best

Solicitors who advertise on TV or in the national press, need to communicate by telephone or letter and may engage a number of people on your case. These contacts may not be familiar with local services and may not logistically be able to meet you face to face to understand the full impact the accident has had on your life.

With a personal injury, being able to meet your solicitor face to face is important. They are able to see your injuries first-hand and the effect they have on you as a person.

At Thomas Dunton we have the experience to recover compensation for clients whose injuries range from broken bones to brain injury. As well as damages, compensation may cover rehabilitation, adaptations to your home, medical treatment and loss of pay.

We will ensure your claim is dealt with thoroughly and efficiently to provide the best possible outcome to get you back on track.

For advice on personal injury claims please contact our freephone Accident Advice Line on 0800 146 340, email accident@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit www.injuryadvicelawyer.co.uk

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This guide is not a full statement of the law. Individual advice should be taken before taking any action. The information in this leaflet is of a general nature and may not reflect your individual circumstances. Please also note that details may change.

Don't leave legal issues too late: seek advice at the earliest stage.

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Your guide to

Clinical Negligence

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HAVE you suffered because of clinical treatment which went wrong? Have medical professionals misdiagnosed, misinformed, made a mistake during a procedure, administered the wrong drugs or not obtained the correct consent from you?

It is a sad truth that accidents happen and we all, of course, make mistakes. However, if your life has been affected by any of the above then we may be able to help.

At Thomas Dunton Solicitors, we have been standing up for people's legal rights when life hasn't gone according to plan, for many years. Here we discuss clinical negligence in more detail, and offer some guidance on how and when to make a claim.

Do you have a claim?

The law only enables you to claim compensation if "on the balance of probability" your medical treatment was carried out negligently and this caused your injury. For a successful claim you need to prove both **Negligence** (that the medical attention you received fell below acceptable standards) and **Causation** (that the negligence directly resulted in an injury to you). It is not enough to prove negligence, you must also prove that you received an injury as a result.

It is also worth noting that your solicitor will need the positive opinion of an independent medical expert. If a supportive report cannot be obtained, then your case will not succeed.

How do you make a claim for Clinical Negligence?

Time is of the essence in cases of this nature, so we always recommend you seek the help of a solicitor straight away, so they can assess your situation and understand the impact any clinical error has had on your life. We would also use this opportunity to advise on the strength of your case, the possible value of the damages, and what your legal options are.

What is Clinical Negligence?



Clinical Negligence means a lack of appropriate care in any aspect of medical treatment, which has resulted in injury. This can be through misdiagnosis, surgical errors, birth injuries, maladministration of drugs or misinformation about your medical situation and therefore the consent given.

What are the time limits in bringing a Clinical Negligence case?

You need to start your claim as soon as possible, and for most claims there is a time limit of three years in which to apply to Court. However, if the claim is on behalf of a child then the three-year rule does not apply. You will still need to start legal proceedings before their 21st birthday.



Can I take legal action on behalf of someone close to me?

You can fight for compensation, and rehabilitation costs, on behalf of someone who lacks capacity.

Alternatively, if someone has died, you may be able to bring a claim on their behalf. If they left a will, the executor normally instructs us to deal with this. This may be you or another member of the family. We can discuss this with you, in more detail, at your initial meeting with us.

Funding your case

When burdened with the consequences of an injury, having the added stress of paying for your case can be an extra worry. We understand this, and so we offer a no win, no fee funding arrangement. This can be discussed with your solicitor during a complimentary one-hour consultation with us.

We offer a **free one hour interview** with our specialist personal injury solicitor to discuss the circumstances of your accident and to advise you as to the possibility of pursuing a potential claim.