

Child abuse claims



Fact Sheet



Overview

If you have suffered abuse, even if it was a long time ago, our highly experienced, specialist legal team can help you get the compensation and closure you deserve.

We understand that, very often, we are there for the first time people have ever spoken about what has happened to them and, for that reason, we do our best to make it as easy as possible to assess and pursue a claim.

People always have lots of questions. 'Do I have a case?' 'What will happen if I start a claim?' 'Will family and friends find out?' 'Will I have to go to court?'

If you are not yet ready to talk, we hope you will find some answers to your initial questions here. If you feel able to meet, we will come and see you, free of charge, without obligation and in total confidence.

We can discuss your experiences and if you would like us to, make some discreet enquiries. From this we should be able to advise you if we think you have a winnable case and explain your options.

Many abuse cases are settled out of court, your identity can be protected and you will have us on your side.

For more information, have a read on these pages or visit www.abuseclaimsblog.com

How does it work

- **TALK IT THROUGH**

We will meet you to talk about your situation, look things you want to show us and offer initial advice.

- **COLLECT EVIDENCE**

We will gather and review information, documents and talk to any witnesses in order to build your case.

- **FIRST CONTACT**

We draft a letter of Claim, review any response and contact you with our advice.

- **MAKING A CASE**

We gather and review any further evidence, instruct experts and prepare the case for issuing in Court advice.

- **PREPARE FOR COURT**

We will issue formal and anonymous court proceedings and undertake all preparation required ready for trial.

Who will pay the costs?

The first time we meet with you, it is always free of charge, without obligation and in complete confidence. Once we have assessed the case, and feel you have a realistic chance of winning, we offer a no-win, no-fee arrangement. This means we will pay for everything involved in pursuing your claim, including court costs and fees.

If your claim is unsuccessful you do not pay anything. If your claim is successful, the other side will pay some of your legal costs and you then pay the rest from your compensation. We guarantee that we will not deduct more than 25% from your compensation payment (including VAT).

The vast majority of our cases operate on a no-win, no-fee basis, but if yours doesn't qualify we will assess your case in depth and use our experience to provide a detailed, written estimate of the cost for the legal services you will need and consider other types of funding for instance Damages Based Agreements or private funding.

Compensation

When awarding compensation, Courts will consider the severity of the abuse, how long it went on for, and the impact it has had on your life. Various factors are also taken into account including:-

- Physical or psychological harm
- Loss of earnings
- Loss of career opportunities, for example because you missed school or work
- Money paid for medical treatment, therapy or care received from professionals, family or friends
- Travel expenses.

Awards typically vary from £5,000 to £80,000, but for the vast majority, bringing a case of abuse is more about holding people to account and achieving closure than any amount of money.

Confidentiality

Those who have suffered child abuse have a right to full anonymity. By law, the media cannot disclose your identity and it will not appear on court documents that the public can see.

Though the vast majority are settled well before, if a case does reach the Court, you can give any evidence asked for out of sight or from another location with your voice disguised, so that the perpetrator or their associates do not discover your identity.

Verisona Law's expert team prides itself on the highest security standards. For example, we shred all paper records before disposal and have the strictest confidentiality procedures.



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