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In this month's "Ask Goughs" column we discuss how we can arrange private treatment for you as part of a compensation claim.

I've been injured following an accident and want to bring a claim for compensation, what will my compensation include and can I receive private treatment?

If the claim is successful you will be compensated for the injury itself plus any financial losses and expenses with legal costs being paid in addition. We can also arrange for private treatment as part of the claim.

Private treatment could include physiotherapy, osteopathic treatment, chiropractic treatment and even surgical procedures. Once there has been an admission of liability we can arrange for almost any kind of private treatment, even if you are on an NHS waiting list, provided it is reasonable and necessary for assisting with your recovery.

We will endeavour to ensure that the opponents pay for this treatment directly or we will ask them for an interim payment (part payment of compensation in advance) and then arrange the treatment for you, utilising that interim payment to fund it.

If we are unable to achieve either of these methods of payment then we can issue Court proceedings and ask the Court to order that the other party meets any costs that have arisen.

If you are not sure which private treatment provider you wish to use we will happily utilise the working relationships we have built up with a range of different providers, referring you to the most appropriate person for

your case. Your opponents can also use their own rehabilitation agents to arrange treatment for you, if required.

Alternatively, if there is a particular treatment provider that you wish to use and provided that the treatment is necessary and reasonable for assisting with your recovery, then we can go ahead with arranging any treatment with that individual.

If you require ongoing or future treatment, payment will be agreed with your opponents as part of your claim.

If either your GP or the medical expert indicates that further investigations are required, such as an MRI scan, then we will seek to arrange those for you privately with your opponents paying. The same applies if you require surgery as a result of your injuries.

It is definitely in your interests to pursue a claim for compensation. Most people do not realise that we are able to arrange for private treatment as part of the claim with the opponents paying. Our aim is not only to maximise the compensation you receive but to also help you make the best possible recovery.

If you have a query regarding private treatment as part of your claim for compensation or for further information please contact me on hannahcarr@goughs.co.uk or call me on 01249 444499.

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