

Brethertons BIG FAQs Series

Basic Information Gathering and Frequently Asked Questions on....

Conveyancing and Spinal Cord Injuries Claims

Solicitors specialise. If you are pursuing a compensation claim after a spinal cord injury, your claim will be dealt with by a solicitor with a wealth of expertise and experience in spinal cord injuries litigation. You may well need the services of other legal professionals as a result of your injury and in tandem with your claim. Conveyancing services are often needed if you need to move from where you live to a new home.

Who might need conveyancing advice after a spinal cord injury?

Anyone who might be thinking of or needing to sell a home they own; and or anyone who might need to buy more suitable accommodation, could find they need conveyancing advice.

What is conveyancing?

Legal dictionaries would allude to conveyancing as being the transfer of the ownership (legal title) of property from one person or entity to another person or entity. In very basic terms conveyancing is the legal process by which a house or land is bought and or sold.

Why may conveyancing services be necessary?

If you have to sell your house, the purchaser you are selling to will need to be sure of what they are buying from you. If you are buying a house (or other property or land) you need to know exactly what you are buying. Whilst some people can adapt their existing accommodation after a spinal cord injury, many will need different accommodation. Typical 'needs' include a single storey dwelling; a better location; better internal and external layout; more space to accommodate equipment and carers; and kitchen and bathroom adaptations. In spinal cord injury claims accommodation is always a consideration and it will almost always be reasonable to claim compensation for temporary adaptations and longer-term improved accommodation. We have helped clients secure compensation to fund sometimes several longer-term moves where their needs were such as to make that reasonable; and to purchase property to extensively adapt or land to build from new. The services of conveyancer colleagues in those situations during and after the litigation are a key component to our work.

Where can I get help with conveyancing?

Where you may need help with conveyancing, we are able to put you in touch with our conveyancing colleagues. They will be more than happy to assist you with both sale and purchase queries. Do talk with us about your needs where accommodation is concerned first though – the timing and funding of your move will almost certainly need to be informed by what may or may not happen in any compensation claim you are pursuing.

When might I need conveyancing services?

The short answer is 'whenever you feel you need to sell or purchase a property'. Of course, that may be completely separate of any compensation claim you may have. Usually however, where there is a compensation claim, securing money to help fund the move is a feature of the claim. Compensation recovered on an interim basis specifically for acquiring accommodation or as a part of the final compensation recovered is frequently the precursor to progressing the sale of existing and purchase of more suitable accommodation. As alluded to above, the claim is likely to cover a lot of ground in terms of the suitability of your present accommodation and what you may be able to claim (and recover) in terms of compensation for what your reasonable future accommodation needs are.

How does conveyancing relate to my spinal cord injuries compensation case?

In all spinal cord injuries litigation, an experienced and expert solicitor will engage with you on what your present and future accommodation needs are. That will usually require input from an expert witness which will inform what amount of compensation you might need to claim to meet your reasonable needs. Once the accommodation aspect of the claim (or indeed the claim in full) has been resolved you should then be in a position where you can make informed decisions about how you can fund meeting your accommodation needs. At that point you will be in a position to instruct conveyancing specialists in relation to the sale of your present property (if applicable) and to purchase the property or land you have identified as being suitable for meeting your ongoing and future needs.



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