

Child Abuse



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S O L I C I T O R S



No amount of money can really compensate for emotional, physical or sexual abuse suffered during childhood. However, compensation can help to reduce the effects of abuse, particularly if it has caused you emotional suffering and financial loss.

Survivors of abuse, or those acting on their behalf, can normally seek compensation for the abuse.

We recognise that child abuse cases are traumatic. All of our clients are represented by a lawyer who specialises exclusively in injury and abuse compensation claims and we ensure that you have the opportunity to meet with us face-to-face and to speak to us whenever you need to.

We instruct the independent experts and barristers who are best suited to your case. We will always try and settle your claim as quickly as possible, but we will also ensure that you receive all the compensation you are entitled to. Where appropriate, we will also arrange any rehabilitation you may need, and we can refer you to organisations that can help you.

We are listed as a leading claimant personal injury firm in both the *Chambers* directory and the *Legal 500* which are independent guides to the legal profession.

Almost all child abuse cases are settled out of court but if this is not possible we take cases to trial.

What we do...

Our lawyers offer expertise in all areas of child abuse injury, including:

- Injuries Criminal Compensation Authority (CICA) applications
- Claims against local authorities
- Claims against individuals

What we achieve...

We treat all our cases with the strictest of confidence so cannot disclose any specific details. All cases are individual and we can bring a claim against anybody that has abused you.

Just some examples of people we bring claims against include family members, other individuals, foster parents, hospital staff, school staff, religious organisations, operators of children's homes, local authorities and operators of youth organisations.

We can also bring claims against somebody else that could be held responsible for the abuser. For example, if the abuse took place in a school or

children's home the employer of the abuser could be prosecuted.

If others suffered abuse from the same abuser, we are able to bring a group action claim against the abuser.

Confidentiality...

We understand that you may be apprehensive about talking to a solicitor about your situation. We are bound by a strict duty of confidentiality and can guarantee that whatever you say will remain strictly confidential at all times. We will never reveal anything you say to anybody else without your authority.

We will normally not ask you to reveal all the details on your first visit. We will ask you for basic details and will listen to you and answer the questions that you are likely to have. We recognise that you may not wish to tell us everything until you have built up trust in us and we will do everything we can to help keep your distress to a minimum.

If you would prefer to make an anonymous enquiry in the first instance you can do so by calling Stephanie Prior directly on **020 7940 4001**. Alternatively you can email her at stephanie.prior@anthonygold.co.uk or complete the enquiry form on our website - www.anthonygold.co.uk/abuseform

Time limitations...

All legal cases have time limits. However, many abuse sufferers do not feel able to talk about their experience until many years afterwards. The courts can waive time limits, depending on the circumstances of the case, and there are special rules for some people and some types of cases. We will be able to advise you on this but it is advisable to see a child abuse lawyer as soon as possible.

How you pay...

We are committed to helping the victims of abuse claim their legal rights. If you are eligible we may be able to apply for public funding (legal aid) for you to bring a claim. We have also been at the forefront of the development of conditional fees (no win, no fee arrangements). Under these agreements we are paid nothing if we lose the case. If we win, we claim our costs from the Defendants. We also act for private paying clients and those with legal expenses insurance.