

# The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers An agenda for 2015 and beyond

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) is a not-for-profit membership organisation, established more than 20 years ago to fight for the rights of people injured needlessly, through no fault of their own.

Ahead of the 2015 general election, APIL has set out an agenda for what the next Government should do to help prevent needless injury and ensure people injured through no fault of their own receive the justice they need, and to which they have a right.

#### APIL is calling on political parties to support reform in four key areas -

- Fair outcomes for injured and bereaved people
- Modernising the law
- Caring for patients
- Rights in the workplace

✓ Reform of the law relating to bereavement damages: it should not be cheaper to kill than to maim.

Fair outcomes for injured and bereaved people

Encourage the greater use of rehabilitation to support people after injury.



### Modernising the law

✓ Reform of the law affecting those who suffer psychiatric harm after the death or injury of a loved one.



### **Caring for patients**

- ✓ Addressing the misconceptions at the core of the Medical Innovation Bill.
- ✓ Introduction of a uniform system of preventing pressure sores in patients.

## Rights in the workplace

- ✓ Protection from prejudice for employees making compensation claims.
- Extension of the new mesothelioma scheme to other work-related diseases where the insurer cannot be traced.
- ✓ Repeal of section 69 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act.

If you would like to receive briefings on any of these issues, or would like further information

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