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Sir

Re: Clarke hits greedy solicitors as he scraps no win, no fee deals (*Daily Mail*, 27 October)

Whatever changes are made to the no-win, no fee system commonly used in personal injury law, the Government must make certain that the rights of injured people remain at the heart of its plans.

No win, no fee gives innocent, injured people access to justice and helps them obtain compensation, to which they are entitled. It should be noted that the use of no win, no fee during the past decade has coincided with an overall fall in the amount of personal injury. Negligence shatters lives and compensation is there to help put people's lives back on track.

Should the Government consider scrapping no win, no fee, it must make certain that injured people are treated fairly and that their rights do not come second to the interests of insurance companies, which charge premiums to cover those whose negligence causes unnecessary injury.

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