



PRESS STATEMENT

From: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)

Response to Ministry of Justice statement on the claims process for low value road traffic accident personal injury claims

After a year of protracted discussion and negotiation, followed by three challenging mediation sessions, we welcome the fact that we now have an agreed process in principle. There is, of course, still much to be developed and tested, such as the rules themselves and the IT needed to implement the new process. During this exhaustive level of consideration by all involved, APIL has continued to focus on the needs of injured individuals, and the need for solicitors to be able to continue to offer vulnerable people effective independent legal advice. We sincerely hope that we can now settle down to getting on with the work of caring for those who need it, in a spirit of co-operation. We also urge Lord Justice Jackson to take this work into account as he deliberates on his civil costs review.

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