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### **NEW GUIDE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT REHABILITATION**

A new guide to rehabilitation has been launched by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) – demonstrating further commitment to the rehabilitation process by claimant lawyers.

APIL's *Best practice guide on rehabilitation* has been designed to support and guide members in how best to deal with the rehabilitation of clients. Colin Ettinger, the association's president, said if all parties involved in the claims process work towards a "spirit of co-operation", then injured people stand a fighting chance of making a full and speedy recovery.

"APIL has always tried to educate members about the benefits of early rehabilitation, and we are very proud of our commitment to ensuring clients make the best and quickest possible recovery following an injury.

"Full and just compensation is, of course, crucial so that injured people can rebuild their lives," he went on. "Rehabilitation is equally as important, though, and we are committed to working with all stakeholders to make the system work."

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The new guide is a part of APIL's on-going Think Rehab! campaign, launched in 2003, which involves raising awareness of the value of rehabilitation among APIL members, regular dialogue with other stakeholders, and the production of several special publications for claimant lawyers.

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