

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Child Abuse Special Interest Group Meeting**

**Association of Child Abuse Lawyers**

**Thursday 19 June 2008**

**Premier Inn, Old Trafford, Manchester**

Co-ordinator: Paul Durkin, Abney Garsden McDonald

Secretary: Tracey Storey, Irwin Mitchell

The Child Abuse Special Interest Group Meeting took place in Manchester on 19 June 2008. Firstly we had a presentation from Neil Sugarman from GLP Solicitor and an APIL EC Officer. Neil has been practising almost exclusively in the field of personal injury since he qualified in 1981. A member of the Law Society Personal Injury Panel, he is an APIL fellow and has represented many accident victims over the years. He has developed a special interest in the presentation of claims to the CICB and CICA on behalf of shaken babies who suffered catastrophic brain injuries. He received a commendation for his work in the UNICEF Child Rights Lawyer of the Year Awards 2001.

Neil gave an interesting and informative presentation on running a shaken baby claim under the CICA scheme. His presentation is available on the APIL website.

The next speaker was Mr Ian Christopher Lloyd who is a consultant ophthalmic surgeon and paediatric ophthalmologist. Chris has had 11 years experience in providing medico legal reports and giving evidence in courts. He has specialist expertise in paediatric eye disorders and the ocular manifestation of non-accidental injuries. Chris is on the APIL Database of Experts and practises at the Cheshire Eye Clinic and the Manchester Royal Eye Clinic.

Chris gave an interesting and informative presentation about the ocular manifestation of non-accidental injuries in children via a powerpoint presentation.

The meeting then heard from Jonathan Wheeler of Bolt Burdon Kemp and from the APIL Executive Committee. Jonathan provided the EC update for the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to the bar of the Premier Inn, Old Trafford for further discussion. Of particular interest was the future locations for child abuse meetings and how to make better use out of the child abuse forum on the APIL website.

**Tracey Storey**  
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