

Occupational Health Special Interest Group

Bloomsbury Hotel, London

Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 5 April 2011, 5.30-7.30 p.m.

A. Richard Pearce, Counsel, Byrom Street Chambers.

“The hornet’s nest revisited - the decision of the Supreme Court In Sienkiewicz v Greif; Willmore v Knowsley MBC”

Paper available on APIL website.

B. Roger Marcuson, vascular surgeon.

Talk on VWF and HAVS.

C. Occupational Health up-date from Daniel Easton / Stephen Glynn

Paper available on APIL website.

Note also ELTO website registration at www.elto.org.uk

D. EC up-date from Lorraine Gwinnutt / Jonathan Wheeler

1. MOJ consultations. Government has published response to costs consultation regarding Jackson and effectively recommended Jackson implemented in full, including non-recoverability of success fees/LEI and QOCS. Awaiting legal aid response. No mention of banning referral fees, but awaiting new consultation in the autumn on CMC’s. Members need to continue lobbying MP’s.
2. APIL has requested a formal review of the discount rates and now commenced judicial review proceedings in this regard.
3. The Civil Law Reform Bill (contained proposals for extension of bereavement awards) has been dropped by the Government.
4. The Coroner’s Bill has been dropped by the Government.
5. There are changes to the CICA scheme on the horizon with a view to further costs savings.
6. The amendments to the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act are still pending.
7. ELTO – registration for employers’ liability tracing office is now active. Members need to keep records as to effectiveness.

8. Ongoing FSA consultation regarding the records required from insurers for ELTO.
 9. Awaiting a possible announcement on ELIB so APIL trying to keep up pressure on MP's.
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Meeting ended 7.30pm.