

## APIL MEETING MINUTES

**Date: 26 JUNE 2013**

**Location: St James' Park, Newcastle upon Tyne**

**Attendees: See Separate Attendance List**

1. Introduction – Joanne Willits
2. Professor David Bates, Consultant Neurologist spoke on "The sequelae of head injury".

The talk was divided into 4 sections covering:

- i. Epilepsy
- ii. States of altered consciousness
- iii. Concussion
- iv. Pain

3. EC update – John McQuarter this covered:
  - Consultation in relation to the small claims limit;
  - Mesothelioma;
  - Discount rate;

There was then general discussion in relation to fixed fees for Defendants as well as claimants in personal injury cases.

4. Thanks were given to the speakers and members were invited to suggest topics for future meetings.
5. David Dewar enquired about the small rearrangement of the meeting that had been cancelled which we had intended to invite Guy Opperman MP.
6. Date of next meeting 2 October 2013 at 4.30pm. Nigel Tompkins is to provide the EC update.
7. Meeting closed at 7pm.