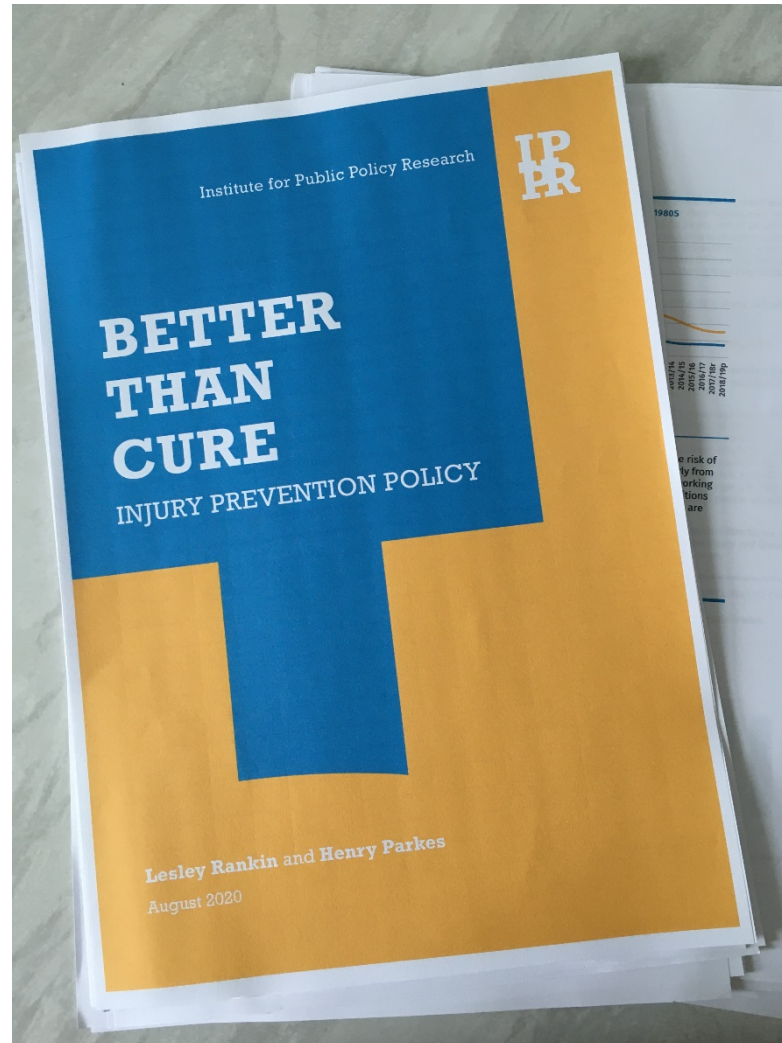


BRIEFING: WALES CYMRU MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Prevention of needless injury



- Injury prevention: key strategic aim
- Institute for Public Policy Research think tank report – APIL donation
- *Better Than Cure* calls for ‘high-level cross-sector injury prevention strategy’
- ‘A catalyst for action’: Mike Benner, APIL CEO

INJURY
PREVENTION
WEEK

- Theme: road safety for pedestrians
- Elements: Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, video, press releases, visual aid for MPs

Highlights:

- 28 MPs supported the campaign
- Press circulation of 717,000 (including the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Star)

- 2 million potential impressions on the #IPWeek2020 hashtag
- Video viewed more than 18,000 times
- Members wrote 53 blogs about injury prevention

Bereavement damages - update

- MoJ draft remedial order: couples who have cohabited for more than 2 years to be eligible
- Joint Committee on Human Rights echoes calls for wider reform

- Parliamentary debates in both Houses call for wider reform
- “archaic piece of legislation”
- “postcode lottery”

The campaign continues!

Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill - update

- 6-year limitation long-stop on civil and Human Rights Act claims
- Intensive cross-party lobbying work
- ‘Urgent question’ debate

- Correspondence with minister
- Evidence provided to Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry
- Second reading debate 23 September: briefing and amendments being prepared

Veterans UK

- Concerns raised with MoD about lack of information on civil claims on its Veterans UK website
- Emphasis of key points required as follows:
 - full information of all compensatory options and the benefits of legal advice;

- transparency of the connection between the MoD and Veterans UK;
- claims handler training regarding handling claimants with mental health illnesses and complex cases
- record keeping

Guideline Hourly Rates

- Civil Justice Council sub-group looking at rates for first time since 2014
- Formal consultation at the end of the year
- APIIL working group established to consider data collection and representation

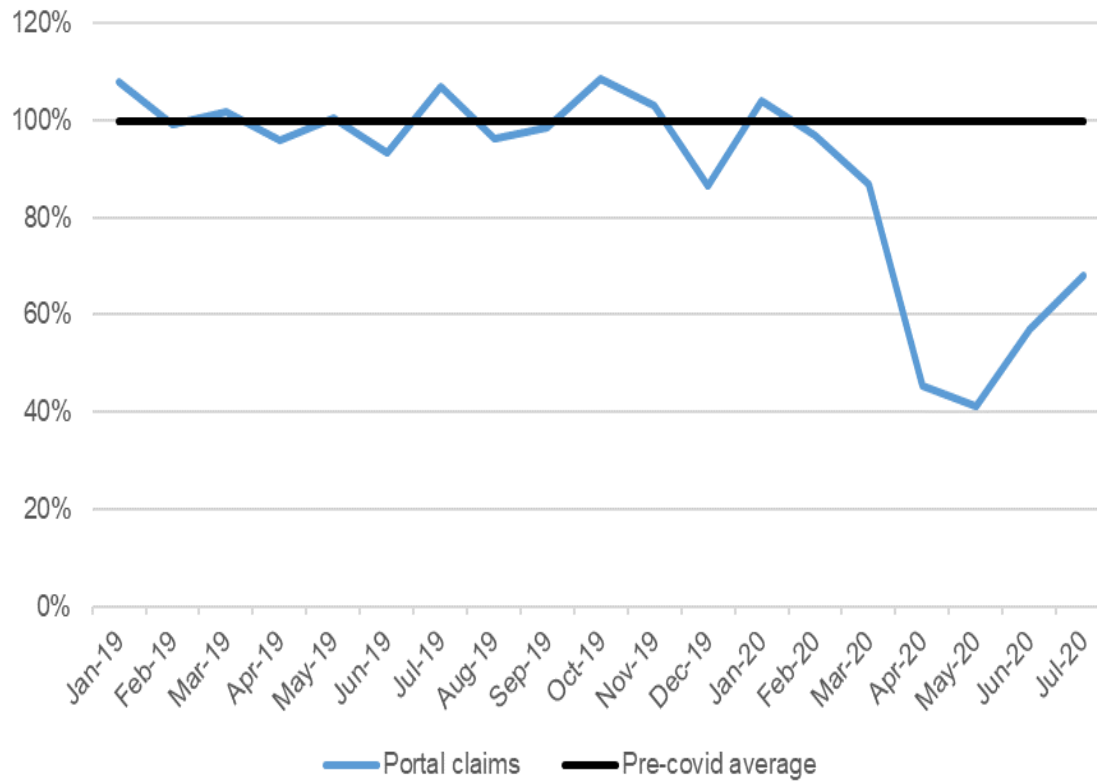
Consultation: Changes to human medicine regulations to support the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines

- Concerns:
 - Vaccines unlicensed
 - Removal of need for informed Montgomery standard of consent
 - Immunity from suit

This is just one of many consultations to which we are responding. If you would like to put forward views for any of our consultations, please make sure you read Weekly News for more details about ongoing consultations and how you can get involved.

Covid-19: impact on personal injury

- Claims portal statistics show claims fell dramatically after lockdown
- Some signs of recovery but some way off pre-covid levels
- Similar picture for clinical negligence



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