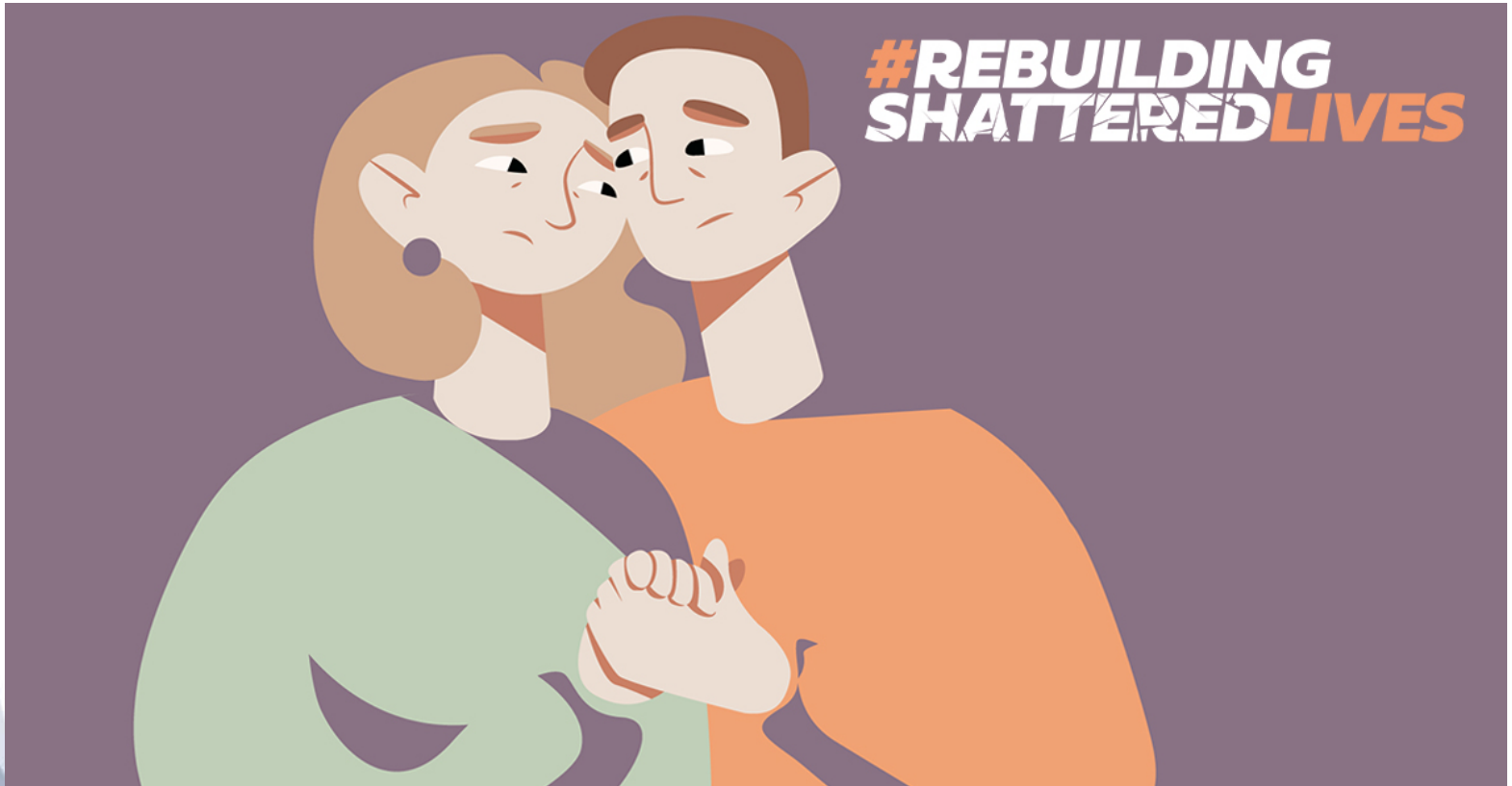


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# **Strategic plan: building a brighter future for injured people**

- Re-build public trust in PI law
- Prevent needless injury
- Ensure prompt and full redress for injury people
- Drive excellence in legal representation





- Launched last week in Weekly News
- Aim: to turn around negative perceptions
- Working together to make a big change
- Centrepiece video on new, dedicated website here:

[www.rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk](http://www.rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk)

Get the social media toolkit and get involved here:

[getintouch@rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk)

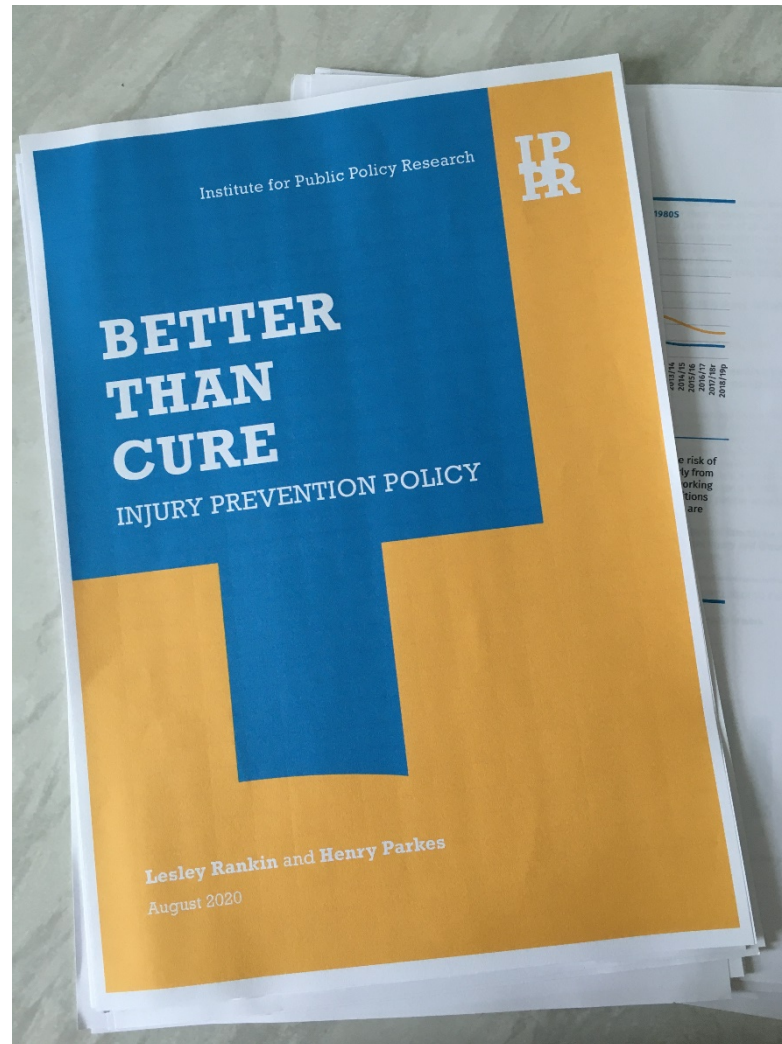
## Take the 200 word challenge!

- What happened?
- How did it affect your client's life?
- How was your client's life affected by the support you gave?

[getintouch@rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@rebuilding-shattered-lives.org.uk).



# 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’

**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

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**



# **Bereavement damages**

- 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
- Remedial order came into effect 6 October

- 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
- Debates in House of Commons
- High profile involvement from APIIL
- Ahmed Al-Nahhas provides oral evidence to the Bill committee

- Debates characterised by bad tempers and name-calling
- 2 issues: longstop on prosecutions to stop 'lawfare'; longstop to be imposed on civil claims for 'fairness' and consistency
- Next stage: House of Lords

# 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 imminent
- APIIL working group established to consider data collection and representation

# Research on Periodical Payment Orders: CAN YOU HELP?

- Faculty of Actuaries report in January to explore low take-up of PPOs
- Do you run claims affected by the discount rate or where PPOs may be awarded?
- Please share your experiences with us, in confidence, so we can feed into the report

- Short survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Apilpporesearch>

- Questions? Contact our researcher,  
John McGlade at:

[\*\*john.mcglade@apil.org.uk\*\*](mailto:john.mcglade@apil.org.uk)

# Review of Pre-Action Protocols

- Civil Justice Council review: are protocols fit for purpose and working effectively?
- Survey asks for feedback on the focus of the review
- Inconsistencies? Should they be mandatory? Are they fulfilling intended purpose?



- We need your views!
- Please contact Abi Jennings at

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