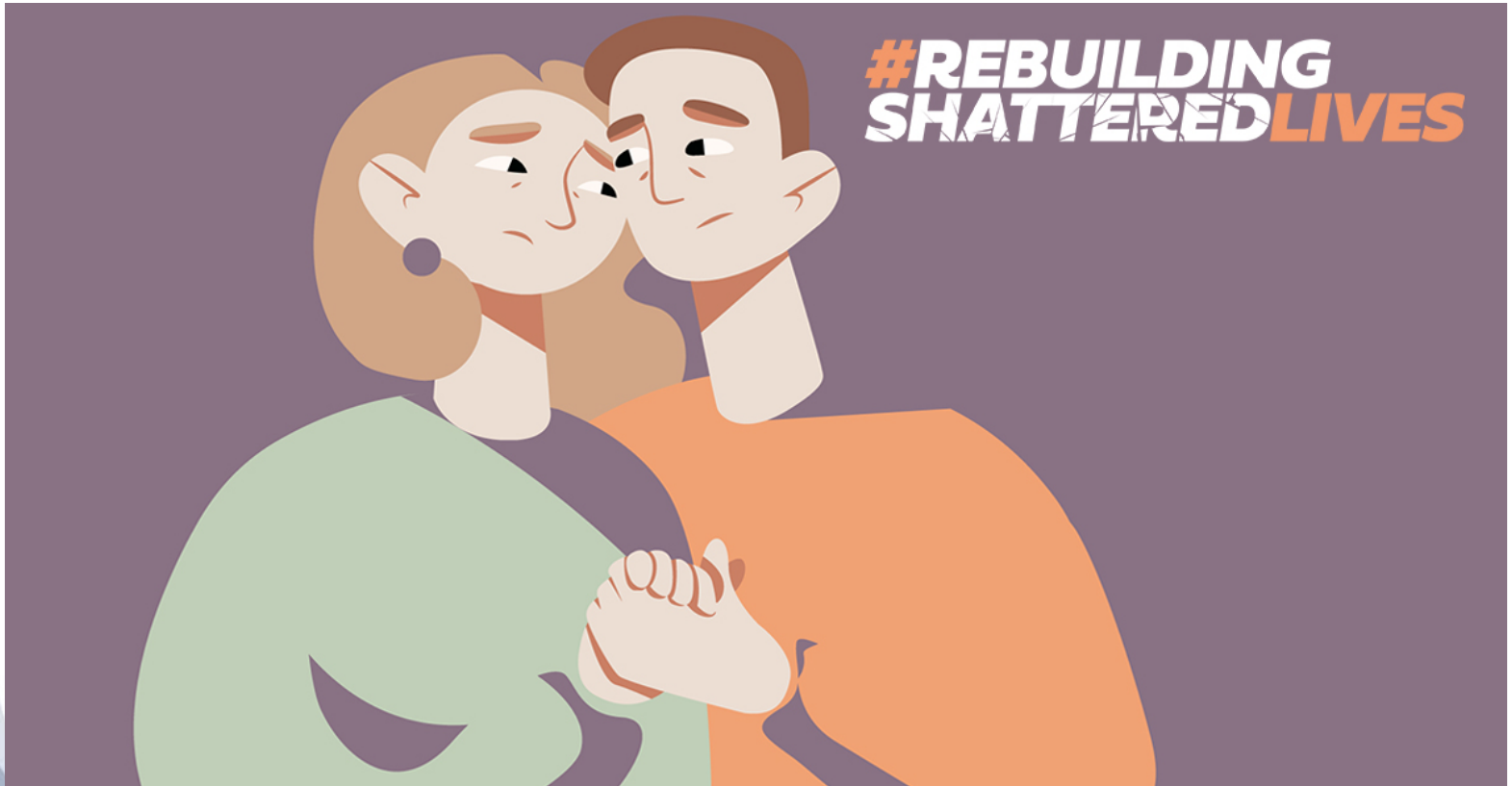


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NORTH WEST REGIONAL
GROUP MEETING
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Please support us by taking the 200 word challenge!

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

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Elections to the executive committee

- Passionate about injured people, fellow members and APIL?
- Then stand for election to the EC!
- Contribute: consultations, parliamentary briefings, strategy development, lobbying and training, and much more

- Elections now open and close on 1 April – get your applications in early to avoid last minute hitches
- Call Helen Blundell at the APIL office for a confidential chat (tel: 07711 004724)
- Submissions made online – you can even submit a video!

Diversity

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan
- Engaging the next generation of PI lawyers; creating a culture of inclusion, fair treatment, access and opportunity for all
- New diversity working group
- CEO's 'last word' – March PI Focus

Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill - update

- 6-year limitation long-stop on civil and Human Rights Act claims
- Debates continuing in House of Lords
- High profile involvement from APIIL

- 2 issues: longstop on prosecutions to stop 'lawfare'; longstop to be imposed on civil claims for 'fairness' and consistency
- Our argument: remove longstop
- We also support 'safeguard' amendments
- Debate continues

Clinical negligence

- Ongoing discussion about claiming against NHS during pandemic: APIL preparing responses
- Meetings with NHS Resolution re maternity safety and ENS; duty of candour

- Concerns also raised about breakdown of communications between Trusts and families over maternity issues
- To provide feedback on these issues please contact Abi Jennings, head of legal affairs, at abi.Jennings@apil.org.uk

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