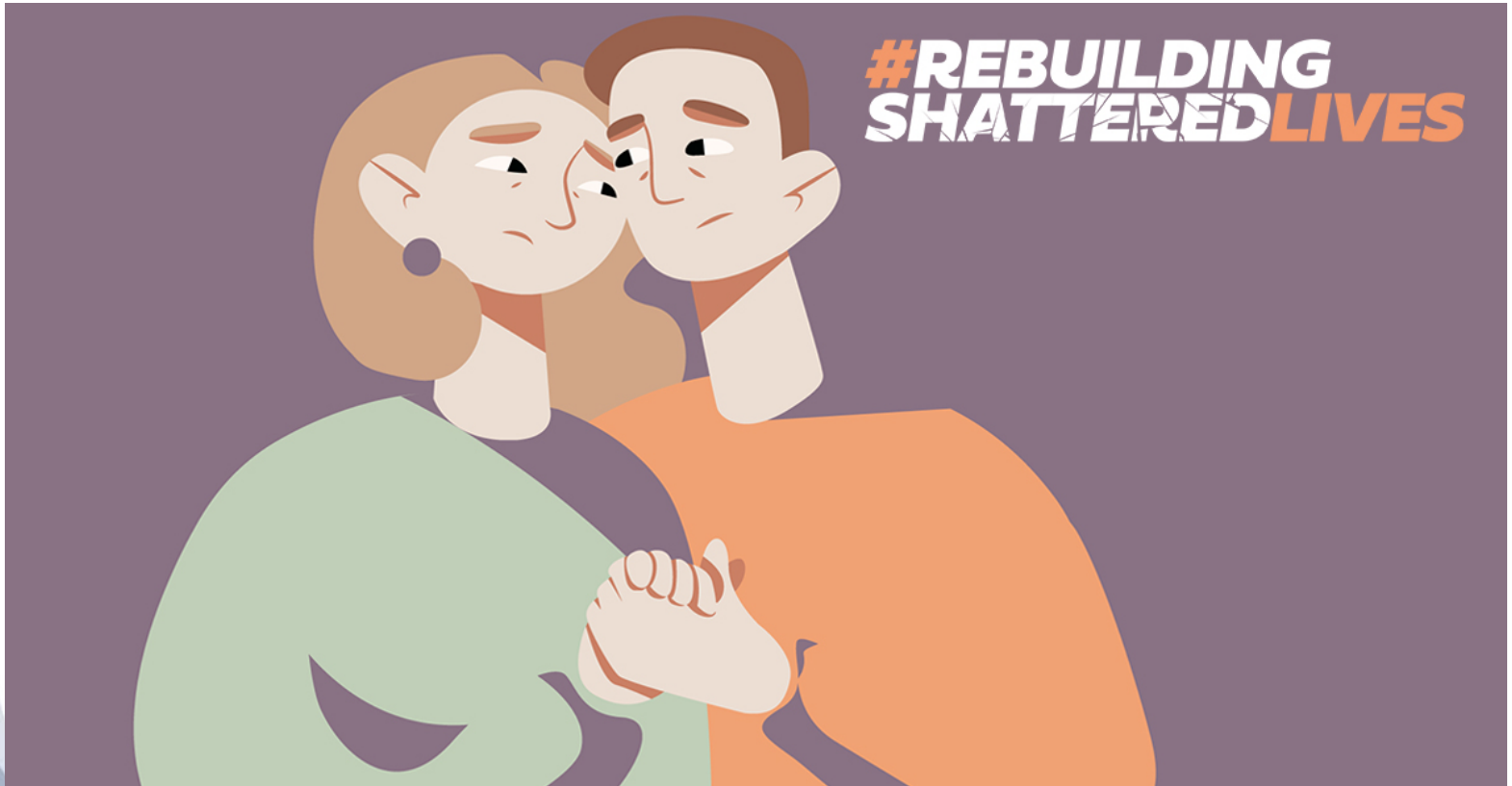


# **BRIEFING: CHILD ABUSE SIG MEETING 26 APRIL 2021**

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

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





- Launched November
- 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)

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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# 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

# **Bereavement damages**

- MoJ draft remedial order: couples who have cohabited for more than 2 years to be eligible for bereavement damages
- 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
- out more at our free 30-minute webinar at 2pm on Wednesday
- New research report to be launched
- Contact [sam.ellis@apil.org.uk](mailto:sam.ellis@apil.org.uk)

# **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-Nahas provided 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
- Partial 'win' in House of Lords

- BUT: amended Bill subjects civilians and bereaved families to the longstop
- APIL cannot support an unfair two-tier system
- Lords' amendment reversed by MPs

# 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](mailto:abi.Jennings@apil.org.uk)

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