



**BRIEFING:
TRANSPORT SIG MEETING
14 OCTOBER 2020**

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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



Prevention of needless injury



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- 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



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- The image is a graphic for 'Injury Prevention Week' containing a list of details. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'apil' in a dark blue font, with a small shield icon to its right. The background is white with abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in shades of blue and grey on the left and right sides. The list of details is centered and written in a blue, sans-serif font.
- 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





- 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
- Intensive cross-party lobbying work
- Parliamentary questions asked



- APIL gives evidence to parliamentary Bill committee
- Correspondence with minister
- Amendments prepared for final stages in House of Commons. Next stage: House of Lords



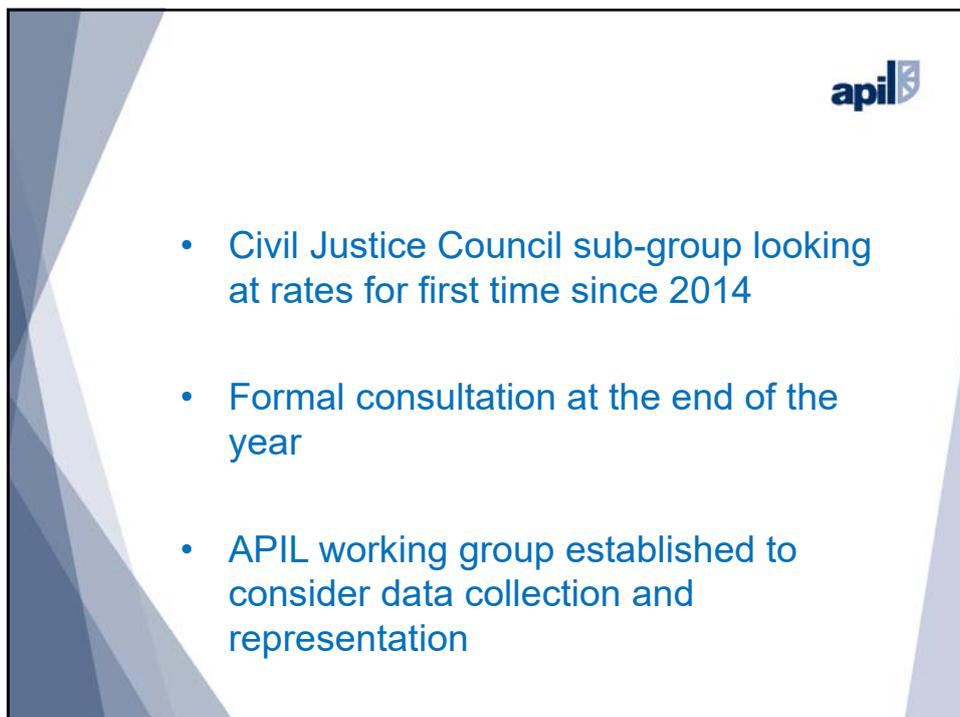
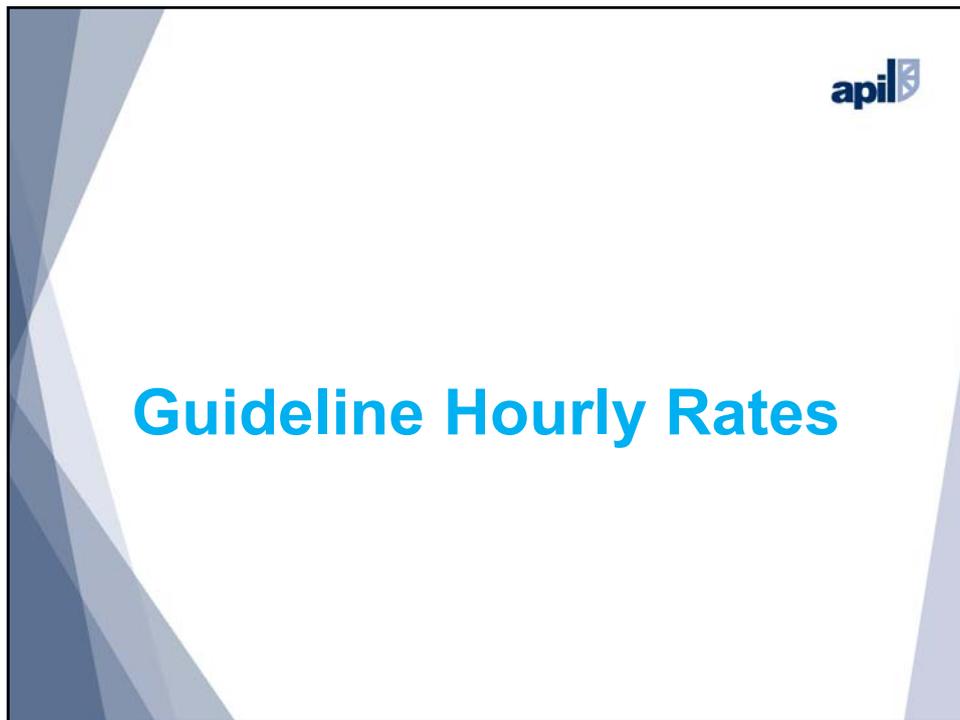
Veterans UK



- 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





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



Concerns:

- Vaccines unlicensed
- Government should underwrite and accept liability in the event of injury
- Consumers should be properly informed
- Vaccine Damage Payments Act not fit for purpose



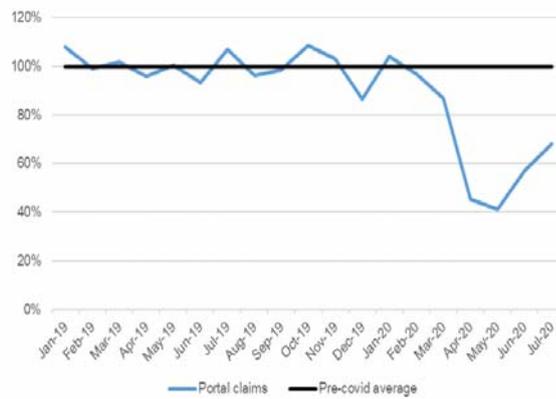
This is just one of many consultations to which we are responding. If you would like to put forward views for any of our consultations, please make sure you read Weekly News for more details about ongoing consultations and how you can get involved.



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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