



**BRIEFING:
MULTI PARTY ACTION SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUP MEETING
14 JANUARY 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





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- 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



Get the social media toolkit and get involved here:

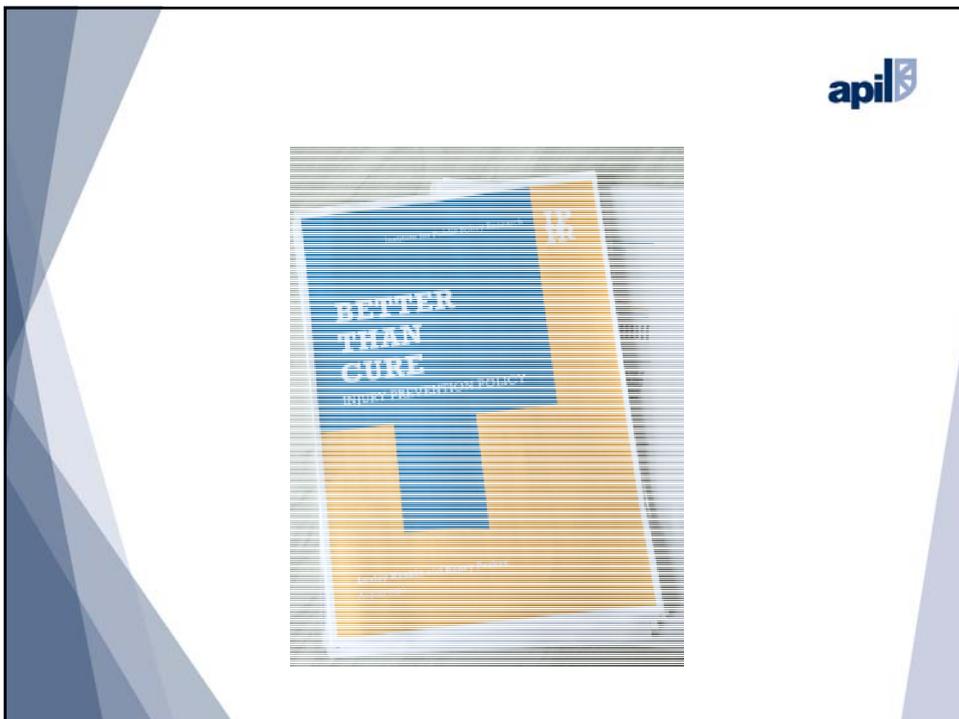
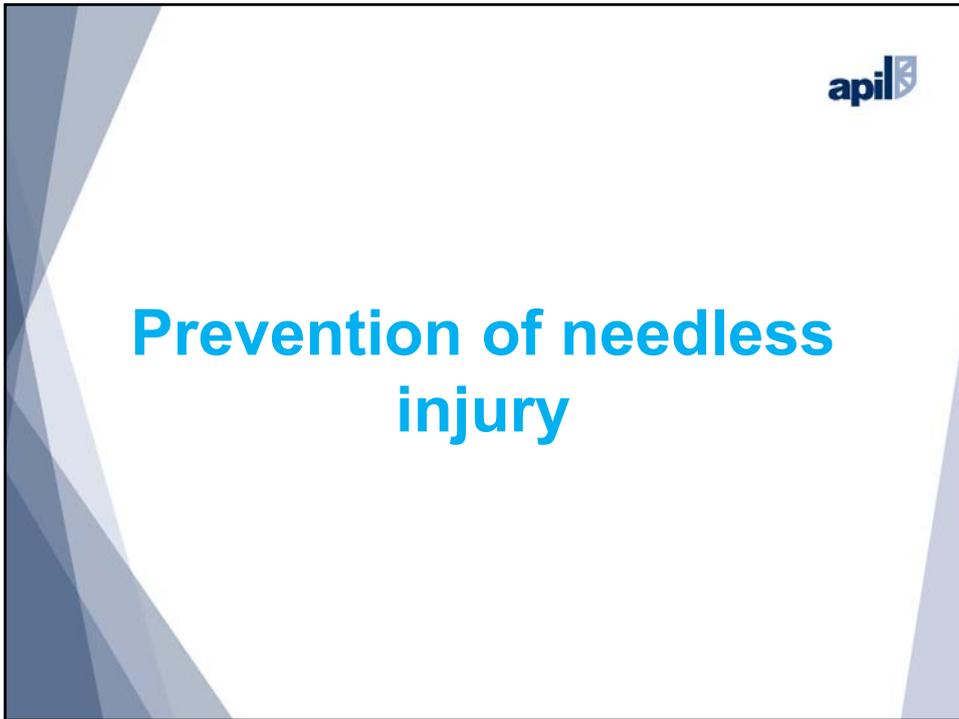
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Please support us by taking the 200 word challenge!

- 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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- 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 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
- “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 APIL
- 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
- 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
- APIL submitted a paper before Christmas, based on data provided by members
- CJC report published and open to consultation



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- Weekly News
- PI Focus