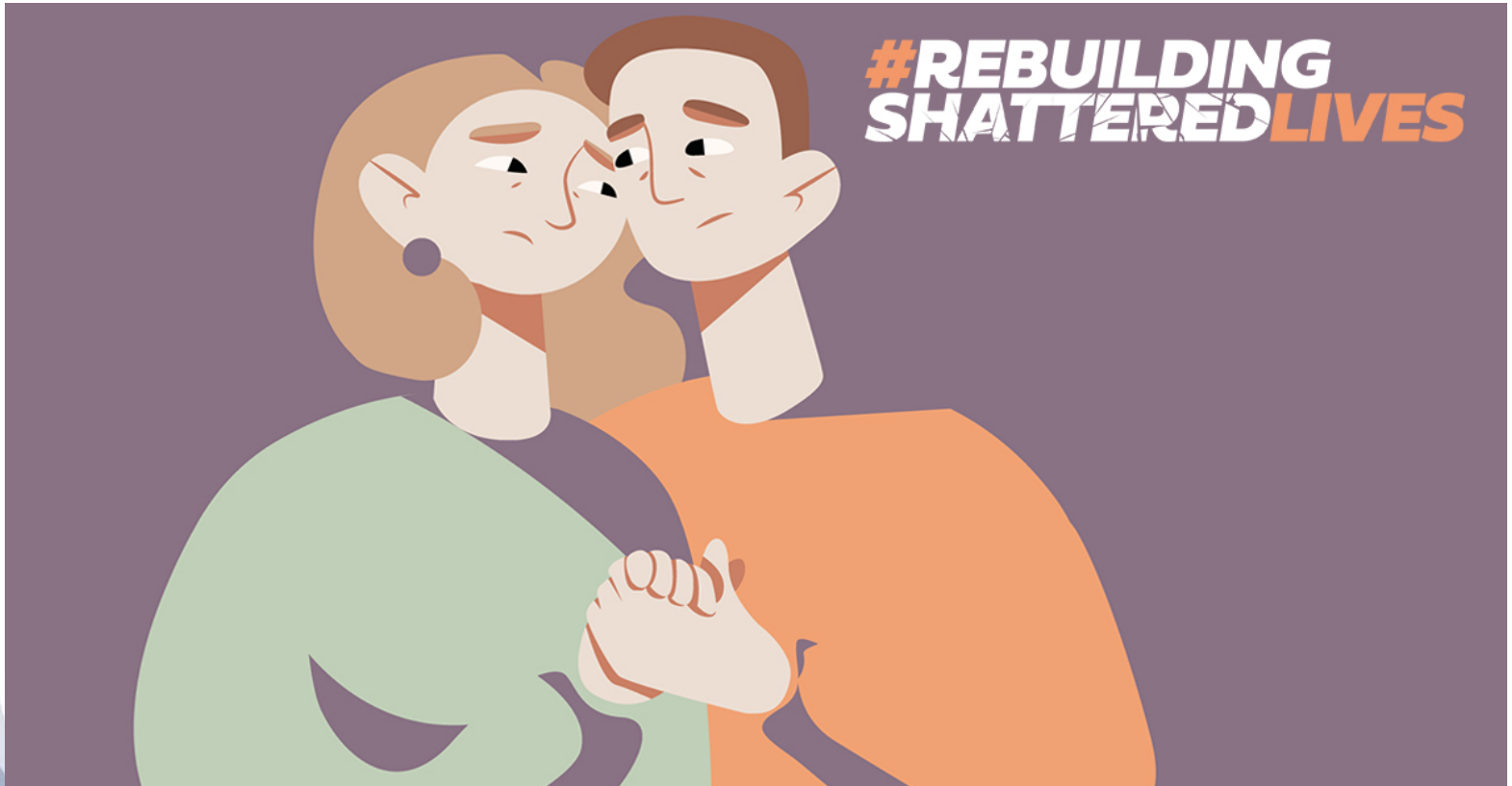


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Strategic plan: building a brighter future for injured people

- 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

Get the social media toolkit and get involved here:

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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For further help/any questions:

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Elections to the executive committee

- Passionate about injured people, fellow members and APIL?
- Then stand for election!
- 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

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
- Next action: online political event
- Publication of new report and survey

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-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

Discount rate in Northern Ireland

- Discount rate still 2.5%
- Consistent lobbying of Northern Ireland Department of Justice (NIDoJ)
- Permanent secretary: rate remains unchanged pending changes to the way DR is calculated

- APIL instructs legal team: pre-action letter sent with view to JR
- Decision made to intervene in another JR: permission granted to make written submissions
- Damages (Return on Investment) Bill

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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