

Brain injury

This case involved three of the personal injury team who worked seamlessly together to properly investigate the extent of this client's injuries. Individuals who have suffered a brain injury will look uninjured to the untrained eye, but there is often more that cannot be ignored.

We acted for Mr H who was a driving instructor at race tracks across the country and also ran his own business. Unfortunately, whilst Mr H was a passenger a student lost control of his vehicle and collided with a marshals' tower. Part of the metal tower penetrated Mr H's crash helmet and he suffered a traumatic brain injury.

He made a good physical recovery, however his brain injury resulted in various permanent symptoms including problems with his memory, concentration and fatigue. He was unable to return to his previous occupation as a driving instructor and could not keep his business going.

During the course of the claim we were able to secure money from the opponent's insurance company to pay for Mr H to have some vocational rehab as well as some psychotherapy, including some couple therapy as our client's marriage was put under a lot of strain due to his change in personality following the accident. It is hoped that he will be able to continue to work at the racetracks, in a role that does not involve driving, but his earning capacity is significantly reduced.

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