

Dental Negligence



The complexities of dental treatment

We all undergo routine dental treatment throughout our lives; fillings, tooth extractions, bridges and crowns along with root canal treatment. These days we see more and more cosmetic dentistry to include “Smile Makeovers” and whitening procedures along with composite bonding, veneers and more complex treatments such as dental implants and oral surgery.

Sadly, as with any form of medical treatment, sometimes things do go wrong and mistakes are made.

Dental treatment is not only treatment carried out by a dentist but also includes orthodontists, hygienists, dental nurses and dental therapists.

All dentists and dental practitioners owe their patients a duty of care. Dental negligence occurs where avoidable injury has been caused by a dentist who has failed to take proper care. Any case where a dentist has been negligent and his or her actions has resulted in avoidable harm can result in a compensation claim.

Dental treatment and negligence can lead to injury

There are any number of circumstances in which dental negligence may occur.

Common examples include:

- Teeth being incorrectly or unnecessarily removed
- Infections caused by a lack of care during treatment or surgery
- Anaesthetic errors
- Poorly performed surgery
- Incorrect drug administration
- Failure to provide adequate aftercare
- Oral cancer misdiagnosis

An adverse outcome could lead to a compensation claim.

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Claiming dental negligence compensation

Victims of medical negligence are often left suffering continued pain; they may require further treatment. They may have suffered a loss of earnings and have care needs. They may require specialist interventions, therapies and support.

Clinical negligence compensation claims are designed to provide compensation to the victim for the physical and financial effects of their injuries. Damages if awarded will compensate for the injury and financial losses both past and future thereby meeting the costs of additional treatment, ongoing care, therapies and support along with any other financial losses. The aim being to put the victim back in the position they would have been but for the defendant's negligence so far as possible.

Support for patients affected by dental negligence

At Lester Aldridge we are highly experienced in investigating dental negligence claims and in taking forward successful compensation claims. We have access to a panel of medical experts who are leaders in their field.

We know how devastating a medical mistake can be. No amount of compensation can put things right but it can result in essential provision to support you and meet your immediate and ongoing needs. Our experienced specialist lawyers utilise their expertise to maximize any compensation award.

If you have suffered injury, following a mistake made by a dental practitioner we can assist with your claim.

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