Infectious diseases

The complexities of infectious diseases

Infectious diseases are disorders caused by organisms such as bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites. Many organisms live in and on our bodies. They are normally harmless, but under certain conditions, some organisms may cause disease. Some infectious diseases can be passed from person to person.

Examples of infectious diseases include:

- Meningitis
- Tuberculosis
- Herpes simplex virus
- Staph aureus
- Malaria
- Septicaemia
- Encephalitis
- Hospital acquired diseases
- Smallpox
- Measles
- Infective endocarditis

Delay in diagnosis or errors in treatment can lead to serious injury or long term–disability

If contracted, infectious diseases can cause devastating life-long injuries if they are not promptly diagnosed and treated, particularly in young children, babies or adults that are more vulnerable.

Medical negligence cases can arise because of a failure at the time of presentation to diagnose an infection and thereafter to provide appropriate treatment in a timely fashion.

Other examples include a failure to prescribe the correct medication and treatment. Hospital acquired infections can also occur as a result of surgery or on the wards due to cross contamination and a failure to use all appropriate aseptic techniques.
Claiming compensation

Victims of medical negligence are often left suffering continued pain; they may require further medical treatment and are left worrying about the future for both themselves and their families. They may have suffered a loss of earnings and have significant 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 disability 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 infectious disease negligence

At Lester Aldridge, we are highly experienced in investigating infectious diseases 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 for the cost of care, to support both you and your loved ones 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 relating to an infectious disease whether it is a delay in diagnosis or errors in relation to medical treatment we can assist with your claim.

If you have concerns or questions, please contact our Personal Injury lawyers. Contact us by emailing: online.enquiries@la-law.com or calling 0344 967 0791.