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# Brain Injury Awareness Week



## What is brain injury awareness week?

Brain Injury Awareness Week comes to an end today.

The focus of this year's campaign was "Take a Second". Statistics show that every 90 seconds, someone in the UK is admitted to a hospital with a brain injury. Brain injuries can be caused by a simple bump or fall, or a medical mistake such as a misdiagnosis or hypoxic injury.

## How can Lester Aldridge help?

At Lester Aldridge we have a team of skilled Personal Injury and Medical Negligence lawyers who will secure the maximum compensation possible in any and all cases. Not only does the team have a wealth of knowledge and experience, they also have access to leading medical experts and barristers creating a skilled and formidable legal team.

In particular, <u>Liz Oaten</u>, a partner in the team, specializes in brain injury cases as a result of clinical negligence. Liz has won multi million pound settlements, and has been involved in cases which have set legal precedent. She is regularly recommended to and by clients. Clients have described Liz as 'Very honest, reliable and very professional" and her work as "... brilliant and professional ..."

Liz has achieved and held for a number of years, accreditation with all 3 specialist clinical negligence schemes: APIL, AvMA and The Law Society.

APIL is the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. They are a not-for-profit campaign group who work on behalf of injured people and their families. APIL strive to make a difference to the lives of injured people, and to drive excellence in legal representation.

AvMA is another campaign group who help and support people who have been victims of medical negligence. They work with professional bodies such as the NHS and government departments to improve patient safety,

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and to ensure justice for those who have suffered as a result of medical negligence.

The Law Society is an independent body for solicitors. They represent the solicitors of England and Wales. They are the voice of solicitors, and protect everybody's right to justice, as well as supporting practicing solicitors.

All three of these schemes have strict criteria for admission. Achieving accreditation to these schemes shows that lawyer as having a specialist level of skill, having reached the top of their profession and maintaining consistent and reliable levels of excellent service.

Liz says: "with such life changing injuries it is essential that Claimant's are represented by experienced practitioners with specialist knowledge in the complex field of clinical negligence. We always strive to go the extra mile for Claimant's, building a well respected legal and expert team utilizing links forged with with barristers and experts at the top of their professional fields to pursue claims with tenacity and a proven track record of successful claims. We always recognize that the Claimant is at the heart of the legal process and that any settlement award is so often a life changing event."

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