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BRAIN INJURY FORUM NETWORKING GROUP

Lanyon Bowdler's specialist brain injury team have established a regular Brain Injury Forum Networking group following their hugely successful conference 'Surviving Brain Injury, The Journey' held at Theatre Severn in March 2016.

Their last networking event took place on 22 March 2017 and was held at the Marches Growth Hub on Battlefield Enterprise Park in Shrewsbury. It was another extremely well attended event with an array of professionals working within the field of brain injury rehabilitation.

Speakers included Dr Andrew Worthington, Consultant in Neuropsychology and Director of Headwise, Pauline Holbrook Clinical Director of local charity The Movement Centre in Oswestry and Martin Monahan of What's On Magazine.

Martin Monahan spoke of his personal experience of his own journey into the unknown after a close family friend tragically sustained a brain injury. Martin gave a heartfelt account of the struggle he and the family have experienced throughout the rehabilitation process.

Martin said "More needs to be done in order to raise awareness of Brain Injury and what support is available and it's fantastic to hear that Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors are leading the way in bringing together a forum where medical, legal and care professionals can come together to discuss these very complex issues."



The next brain injury focus group networking event will take place on Thursday 19th October 2017 between 8.30am - 10am at Stop. Coffee Shop in the Shrewsbury Museum. Please see flyer below for further information and to book on to the event.

 **Lanyon Bowdler**
SOLICITORS
BRAIN INJURY SPECIALISTS

Join us for...
**Brain Injury
Networking Forum
Autumn 2017**

Thursday 19 October 8:30am - 10am

Join us for another unique networking opportunity to continue the discussions arising out of our hugely successful conference 'Surviving Brain Injury The Journey'

Free to attend | Includes light refreshments

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please visit: <http://bit.ly/lbbraininjury>
Contact: sbi@lbiaw.co.uk Or call: 01743 280280
RSVP: BY FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

VENUE

Stop. Coffee Shop, Shrewsbury Museum,
The Music Hall, Market St, Shrewsbury SY1 1LG



“Renowned practice working on a wide range of serious personal injury matters including brain injury and spinal injuries and multiple orthopedic cases.

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LEGAL SUCCESS FOR FAMILY



Shropshire Mum Sharon Morris has spent a decade battling to ensure her daughters have the best possible future.

Being the Mum of twins is a challenge at the best of times, but for Sharon Morris, the birth of her two babies was very traumatic and life changing in a way she could never have possibly imagined.

Eleven years ago Sharon Morris went into labour expecting twins. Beth was born normally first but things were not so straightforward for second daughter, Olivia.

“Olivia presented in a strange position and there seemed to be confusion and there was a lot of kerfuffle going on” remembers Sharon. *“I could tell that things weren’t going to plan. I was prepared for a Caesarean section but it didn’t happen”*. Olivia was eventually born one hour and 10 minutes later than Beth. She was lifeless and had to be resuscitated. *“At first we hoped she’d make a full recovery. I think we knew deep down that things weren’t right but at the time there was no knowing where life with our new babies would lead us”*.

At around 8 months of age, Olivia was diagnosed with cerebral palsy caused by a lack of oxygen to her brain. The girls are now both 11 years old and the differences between them are painfully obvious. Olivia has learning difficulties and attends a specialist school in Shrewsbury. She suffers muscle problems and becomes fatigued very easily. Olivia can walk short distances but requires a wheelchair most of the time and she is unable to speak, communicating with Makaton sign language.

Complications in feeding and swallowing mean that Olivia is ‘nil by mouth’ and has to be tube fed seven times a day, each feed takes an hour and two of the feeds have to be done during the night. She has only recently become toilet trained.

Olivia’s disabilities have a profound effect on the entire family in various ways.

“I wasn’t able to go back to work as I needed to be a full time Mum and carer. Not that I minded, it’s just that any choice was

taken away” she says. *“A trip out to the shops is difficult and a holiday is very stressful because we have to take a team of three carers with us and make sure any accommodation is suitable, have help at the airport, hire a suitable vehicle and spend most of our time in the villa as going out is difficult. People ask us ‘why do we go?’ but we do it because like any family, we want a holiday and want our girls to experience this, despite its challenges”* says Sharon.

The family have spent a decade bringing a claim against the NHS Litigation Authority and have recently reached a settlement after liability was admitted. With help from Lanyon Bowdler’s Clinical Negligence team, they have been able to recover significant funds to help in Olivia’s future care.

Thanks to the finances received, the Morris family have finally moved into a spacious all-purpose home – the fourth move they have had to make.

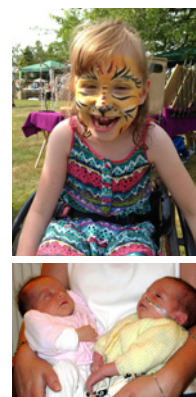
“It has made a massive difference to have a large bathroom with changing table and adjustable bath, a specialist bed and dedicated physiotherapy room, plus space to allow for all the equipment and medical supplies to be stored” explains Sharon. *“We have also been able to employ a team of carers on a fulltime basis and we can pay for the extensive physiotherapy needed to keep her walking”*.

The legal fight has been a difficult one but essential for Olivia’s care. *“It hasn’t been about blame or making us rich, it is simply important to us to secure Olivia’s financial future every year for the rest of her life”* says Sharon. *“She’s never going to be able to work or go to University. Her life simply isn’t the same as it could have been and long term it is expected that she will become wheelchair bound. Plus what happens when she leaves school and needs 24/7 care, who is going to do it? We are lucky that we will have a team of carers to help us do that.”*

Due to the help of the carers, Sharon and her husband Rob are now able to work and Sharon can devote more time to pursuing her talents as an Artist.

“We have been driven as parents to do what we can for her. We’ve had to fight and badger for everything that we feel should be available to her and children like her. We’ve had to put the ‘what ifs’ in a box and focus on the future rather than on what we’ve lost.”

Lanyon Bowdler would like to give special thanks to Sharon Morris for sharing her very moving and emotional story with the audience at our last conference, ‘Surviving Brain Injury - The Journey’ held at Theatre Severn.



“Lanyon Bowdler’s team has a particular strength in road traffic accidents and also handles workplace injuries. The practice handled a multimillion-pound claim for a client who received catastrophic injuries in an accident at her partner’s home

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MEGAN BAKER HOUSE - EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE PLANS WORKSHOP



Earlier this year, Lanyon Bowdler were pleased to team up with No5 Barristers Chambers to hold a EHC Plan workshop at Megan Baker House in Leominster, Herefordshire.

This was an interactive workshop for parents and carers to help guide them through the EHC Plan and to provide advice on the process involved. Barristers from No5 Chambers presented and provided delegates with a wealth of knowledge about;

- What is the EHC Plan
- Appeals and challenging decisions
- The role of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
- Who has what responsibilities
- Funding
- Case scenarios and examples of EHC plans

With over 30 attendees including parents, carers and other professionals, the event was a huge success. Zoe White from Megan Baker House said “It was fantastic to have a number of Barristers from No 5 Chambers who

were on hand to answer any questions thrown at them. There was also time at the end where parents could meet with Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors to discuss any issues on a personal basis, which proved to be very popular and beneficial.

All MBH staff attended the workshop felt it was extremely beneficial to them as professionals too. We are extremely grateful to both Lanyon Bowdler and No5 Chambers for providing this fantastic workshop”.

Lanyon Bowdler are pleased to be repeating this workshop on Wednesday 8th November 2017 between 10.30am-2.30pm at The Movement Centre, The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital. For further information or to book your place please see the flyer below.



No5 Chambers and
Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors present...

EHC EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE Plans

WEDNESDAY 8
NOVEMBER
2017

WORKSHOP AT
THE MOVEMENT CENTRE

An interactive workshop to help parents and carers

An interactive and practical “all you need to know” workshop for parents and carers. The aim of this workshop is to guide you through the EHC Plan and to give advice on the process involved for children and young people with special education needs.

If you consider that you or a loved one have been injured as a result of medical negligence, the Lanyon Bowdler clinical negligence team will be on hand to offer private consultations at no charge or commitment.

To book your place (By Friday 27 October)

Please contact Polly Roberts at The Movement Centre on 01691 404248 or email pollyroberts@the-movement-centre.co.uk

Please see reverse for the days agenda and programme.

Venue

The Movement Centre,
The Robert Jones & Agnes
Hunt Hospital, Oswestry,
Shropshire, SY10 7AG

Time

10:30am - 2:30pm

Coffee and registration
10:00am

Light lunch included

Free to attend



“Leading Shropshire firm advising on an extensive breadth of personal injury cases, including high-value claims. Particularly experienced in acting for clients with spinal and cerebral injuries.

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SURVIVING SPINAL INJURY - SAVE THE DATE

Lanyon Bowdler will be hosting their next conference 'Surviving Spinal Injury - The Journey' at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, on 15 March 2018.

Guest speakers, which include highly recognisable experts in their field and those affected by spinal injury, will guide you through the journey from diagnosis to rehabilitation and will provide advice on the support that is available.

Presentations will be delivered by medical professionals from the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries, Spinal Injuries Case Management Ltd, Transhouse Transitional Housing charity and ReWalk Robotics, amongst other special guests.

The personal injury team at Lanyon Bowdler were recognised in the 2016 edition of The Legal 500 as a Tier One firm in the West Midlands and are listed in the Spinal Injuries Association's (SIA) approved list of personal injury solicitors. To find out more information please contact Sophie Davies on 01743 280267.

Lanyon Bowdler are pleased to be supporting the **Horatio's Garden Project** designed by journalist and BBC Radio 4 presenter; Bunny Guinness, for the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries.

A proration of ticket sales raised from the conference will go towards this project and benefit the spinal injury patients at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry.



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JOIN US FOR...

Surviving Spinal Injury The Journey

A CONFERENCE BY
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Our speakers, who include highly recognised experts in their fields and those affected by spinal injury, will guide you through the journey from diagnosis to rehabilitation and will provide advice on the support that is available.

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

A full day seminar starting at 09.30am

VENUE: Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital,
Gobowen, Oswestry SY10 7AG

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE please visit...

<http://bit.ly/lbsurvivingspinalinjury>

PRICE: £75 for professionals -
£15 for private individuals and charities*
Price includes lunch and refreshments

***TICKETS £60 FOR PROFESSIONALS - £13 FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
& CHARITIES IF BOOKING MADE BEFORE 29 JANUARY 2018**



A proportion of ticket sales will be donated to the Horatio's Garden project at the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries at Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry. Registered Charity No 1151475/SC04586.

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