

Cut Off Date for Patients To Join Bhamra Scheme

Medical Lawyers Advise People Worried About Orthopaedic Treatment To Come Forward

Patients who believe they have suffered complications as a result of NHS treatment carried out by Mr Manjit Bhamra, a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, have until 30 September 2012 to join a specially organised scheme to have their cases reviewed.

Specialist medical lawyers representing both patients and the NHSLA have agreed a protocol for the investigation of alleged complications arising from treatment provided by Mr Bhamra. The purpose of the scheme is to determine if patients are entitled to compensation and, if so, to deal with their cases as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Anyone who has suffered complications following NHS treatment provided by Mr Bhamra can ask for their case to be reviewed. Each case will be considered individually by specialist medical lawyers to decide if it can join the scheme.

It has been agreed that the scheme will include cases where the treatment was provided more than three years ago. Usually, claims have to be brought within three years of the medical treatment in question, but under the scheme the three year time-limit will not apply.

However, for cases where the treatment was provided more than three years ago the scheme will be closed on **30 September 2012**. Any cases where the treatment was provided within the last three years will be looked at separately as such cases are still in time to go into the scheme.

A spokesman for the firms involved said: “We wholeheartedly welcome the co-operation of the NHS in agreeing to set up the scheme. We hope it will enable our clients’ concerns to be fully investigated and, where appropriate, for compensation to be paid so the individual patients who have been affected can start to move on with their lives.

“As firms we have currently submitted 93 cases regarding hip and shoulder surgery for review but it is too early to make further comment, as cases currently going through the scheme are at early stages and need further investigation by ourselves and the NHS.”