

There are many different ways of funding a personal injury claim – this sheet is a only brief guide to the different options that are available to you. We will discuss these options in more detail and suggest which we consider to be most suitable for you.

Private funding

In all cases we will charge an hourly rate for whatever work is done. We can provide you with details of our hourly rates. If you fund the case on a private basis then you will agree to meet our hourly rates for work that is done to progress your claim. Even if you fund the claim by some other method, the same hourly rates will apply to the work done.

Support funding (formerly Legal Aid)

Support Funding is not available for most personal injury claims except in exceptional cases. We will advise you if we believe that you should make an application. This will be unusual.

If you are offered Support Funding subject to a contribution we will advise whether we believe that you should accept the offer and pay the contribution. Contributions are paid throughout the claim.

It may be the case that other funding options would be cheaper for you. We will advise you about your options. You will have to choose between them.

Trade Union/Professional Association

If you are a member of a Trade Union or a Professional Association you may be entitled to free legal advice and representation. This will depend upon the terms of your membership. Most Trade Unions or Professional Associations will require you to use a particular firm of solicitors. We act for a large number of clients on behalf of their Union / Professional Association. If you are a member then you may not be eligible for support funding and this is likely to be your best option.

Legal expenses insurance

You may have taken out legal expenses insurance which will cover you for the claim you want to bring. You may not be aware that you have this cover so should check any insurance policy that might be relevant. This would include your household insurance, your motor insurance or holiday insurance. If you are insured to make a claim you may not be eligible for Support Funding.

Conditional fee agreement

We may be prepared to enter into a Conditional Fee agreement with you. We can provide details on this. Different firms of solicitors have different views on claims. You should be aware that another firm might be prepared to enter into an agreement when we would not.

Non-CFA after the event insurance

It is possible to insure yourself against the risk that you will have to pay our legal fees and / or the legal fees of your opponents if your case is not successful.

We cannot advise you about all the different insurance policies available but we can recommend policies considered appropriate to your needs. If you want to review them all you should consult an insurance broker.