

# **Evolving our approach in a changing world**

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# This is Luke



# This is Josh



# This is Mrs. Philips



## She is also a Mum.



This is the motorbike that John her son was riding.



# John suffered the following injuries

- Resuscitated twice at the scene of the accident
- Back – fractured in 4 places (operation to fit rods)
- Ribs – fractured
- Lungs – bruised
- Jaw – fractured top & bottom
- Lost teeth
- Facial fractures
- Skull fractures

# Brain related injuries

- 6 weeks PTA with continued poor short term memory
- Slurred speech
- Possible dysarthria
- Personality changes
- Socially disinhibited
- Likely to have issues with concentration, multitasking etc.
- May need speech & language therapy

# How did it affect Mrs. Philips & her family?

- Shock
- Worry about short-term
- Realization of the long-term consequences of the accident



# Early intervention is crucial

# Family coordinator

- Qualified and experienced brain injury manager
- Act on short notice
- Ability to manage crisis
- Solicitor organises funding
- No charge for this initial assessment by Thorneycroft Solicitors.

It is part of our wider package of support

# Case manager

- Dedicated case manager for INA
- Medically trained and qualified
- Brings together care, support, treatment and equipment
- Reduces the burden and pressure on the family

# Benefit advice

- Statutory sick pay
- Employment and support allowance
- Income support
- Disability living allowance
- Attendance allowance applies to those of state pension age
- Carer's allowance



# Independent financial advice

- Financial review
- Budgeting advice
- Insurance policy/employee benefit review
- Welfare benefits assessment
- A financial advisor to review financial position

# Long term investment advice

- Periodical payments
- Personal injury trust & state benefit advice
- Investment advice & planning
- Deputyship & trustee investment planning

My 2011 talk covered this area in more detail and the notes are available on our website

## Objective

To restore the injured person to as productive & independent lifestyle as possible

# Rehabilitation Code

- Approved framework
- Client is at the centre of the process
- Collaboration
- Fixed time frames
- Appropriate qualification, skills & experience



# Rehabilitation Code

The assessment process  
is outside  
the litigation process

# Summary

- Thorneycroft Solicitors take a wholistic approach
- John's family are grateful for the ongoing support

# Contact details

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