

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE LEGAL HELP

The Community Legal Service will pay for Legal help:

- If you pass the means test;
- If the benefit to you justifies the cost of the work;
- If you have no other means of paying for the work.

We will assess your finances to see if you qualify. We also have to consider whether the benefit to you is sufficient to justify the work to be done. If we do not think the benefit of the work is sufficient we will explain to you why that is so.

In personal injury cases – including applications for criminal injuries compensation – the "statutory charge" applies. This means that if we don't recover all the costs from your opponent the shortfall will come out of any compensation or damages you recover.

Under the Legal Help scheme we can advise you, write letters or draft documents for you. We can also pay for reports from experts, such as doctors or environmental health officers, and we can pay for interpreters. In some cases we can help you in court.

In most cases we cannot go to tribunals with you and you must have Civil Legal Aid to be fully represented in a court. If you need to apply for Civil Legal Aid we will advise you and fill in the forms for you.

**ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS
ask your caseworker**