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The Jackson Report defines the new legal framework for PI and CN cases

LASPO puts Jackson into practice and marks a watershed for the PI market

Jackson reforms, Mark II

Some PI cases will move to the online court for small claims

Other moves to look at and control costs in PI and CN cases

Personal injury vs repair costs in motor insurance claims

Moves to limit medical negligence costs

Court fees rise

The Government reforms claims reporting and medical evidence

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Stronger regulation of CMCs

Nuisance calls remains a key concern

The DoH rapid resolution and redress scheme (RRR)

## **BUSINESS, SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MARKET DRIVERS**

PI imposes major financial, emotional and lifestyle costs on consumers  
The number of road traffic accidents in decline  
Employers (but not employees) report that workplace injuries are declining  
The number of serious workplace injuries is also in decline  
Just over 30,000 cases related to criminal injuries  
Cost budgeting becomes of crucial importance

## **THE KEY PLAYERS**

Overview  
Admiral Group PLC (Admiral Law Ltd/BDE Law)  
Bolt Burden Kemp  
Bott & Co Solicitors Ltd  
Express Solicitors Ltd  
First4Lawyers  
Fletchers Solicitors  
Neil Hudgell Ltd  
InjuryLawyers4u  
Irwin Mitchell Group  
Leigh Day  
Minster Law Ltd/BHL (UK) Holdings  
NAHL Group/National Accident Helpline Ltd  
Redde/NewLaw Solicitors/ Principia Law  
Simpson Millar LLP  
Slater and Gordon Group  
Stewarts Law LLP  
Thompsons Solicitors LLP

## **MARKET SIZE AND TRENDS**

A market valued at almost £4 billion  
CMCs a declining force in the market  
The volume of cases registered with the CRU declines  
Over £300 million recovered  
Number of PI claims heard in court declines in 2016  
Expenditure on NHS CN claims rises strongly

Claims Portal figures

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Less PI work

Potential changes to motor insurance rules

New PI rules could cause a reduction in law firm numbers

Legal expensive insurance to fill the gap

More links between barrister and solicitors in PI work

Market Forecasts

PI Practitioner Survey

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