



COSMETIC CLAIMS

Not only has there been a dramatic rise in the number of people having cosmetic procedures or treatment over the last decade but also an increase in the types of providers. These now include large nationwide companies, private surgeons, local high street clinics, beauticians, clinics abroad and even the option of treatment at home.

Current regulations do not require that anybody involved in cosmetic procedures is properly trained, qualified and registered.

There is an obvious tension between the best interests of patients and the treatment provider's goal to make a profit and there are widespread concerns about the lack of regulation in some areas and the risks that this poses to patient safety.

The clinical negligence team at Penningtons Manches Cooper is only too aware of the catastrophic effect on patients when cosmetic treatment goes wrong and we have the expertise to deal with the full range of cosmetic claims. We are committed to helping people who have suffered a poor cosmetic result and are seeking the compensation to which they are entitled.

WHAT ARE COSMETIC CLAIMS?

Legal claims can arise from cosmetic surgery and non-surgical cosmetic (beauty) treatments if they are performed poorly and result in injury. Injuries sustained can include a poor outcome, allergic reaction, serious infection, serious scarring and, sometimes, the need for further surgery.

A cosmetic surgeon or practitioner is negligent if the treatment he or she provides falls below an acceptable standard and that negligent treatment causes injury. British law imposes a certain standard of care but that standard can be a matter of individual medical judgement.

WHY BRING A COSMETIC CLAIM?

We understand that no amount of compensation can make up for the distress or disfigurement caused by substandard cosmetic treatment. Patients also want an explanation and apology after they have put their trust in a surgeon or beauty practitioner in the anticipation of a successful result.

HOW WE CAN HELP

If you or someone you know has been injured as a result of poor cosmetic surgery or treatment, we can:

- investigate what has happened and why the procedure has not gone well;
- advise whether you can make a claim for compensation.

We are regarded as a leading team of specialist lawyers advising in this area. We deal with a wide range of claims for cosmetic surgery and non-surgical treatments and have a wealth of expertise to advise you if the care you have received could be considered to be substandard.

We work closely with recognised medical experts and barristers experienced in these cases to provide you with the best possible advice.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- initial advice offered free of charge and without obligation;
- this can involve guidance provided by telephone, a visit from one of our specialist solicitors or a review of your documents;
- a range of funding options including 'no win no fee' (conditional fee) agreements;
- advice on all types of personal injury and clinical negligence claims, both in the UK and abroad.

Our team aims to ensure that clients receive maximum compensation while minimising the legal costs involved.



OUR TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

We have an excellent record of success in achieving compensation for clients who have suffered poor results, injuries or serious complications following a wide range of surgical and non-surgical procedures.

These include:

Surgical procedures

- breast enlargement (augmentation)
- breast reduction
- breast lift (mastopexy)
- tummy tucks (abdominoplasty)
- nose reshaping (rhinoplasty)
- facelifts (rhytidectomy)
- eyelid surgery (blepharoplasty)
- bariatric (weight loss) surgery
- cosmetic surgery performed abroad
- surgery performed by 'fly in, fly out' surgeons without UK insurance
- child cosmetic surgery such as ear pinning.

Non-surgical procedures

- laser treatment for hair removal
- chemical peels
- Botox and dermal filler injections
- complications following procedures at Botox parties/ home events by uninsured practitioners.

FIND OUT MORE

For further information or to discuss your potential claim with an experienced solicitor, please contact:

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