

Welcome to the first edition of our industrial disease newsletter. At Stephensons we have a dedicated team of solicitors who can help you to bring legal action if you are suffering from a disease or illness caused or made worse by your working environment. This issue includes:

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## **What does the recent research into occupational lung disease show?**

The HSE's Occupational Lung Disease in Great Britain 2017 report says mesothelioma and a range of other respiratory cancers as well as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, occupational asthma, pneumoconiosis and other non-cancerous respiratory diseases occur as a result of work related activities.

What factors at work cause or make ill-health worse? What are the symptoms of occupational lung disease? And, what should you do if you are suffering from a work-related lung disease?

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If you believe that you have an illness which was caused or made worse by your working environment you may be eligible to claim compensation. To speak to one of our industrial disease

specialists please call us on 0333 344 4771 or [email us](#), leaving your contact details, and we will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

## Landmark decision allows claimants to seek compensation for 'symptomless' injuries

Back in March a unanimous decision was handed down at the Supreme Court in favour of the claimants in the case of Dryden & Other v Johnson Matthey Plc. This was a very welcome decision and may mean that other UK workers in a similar position now have grounds to make a 'sensitisation' claim.

[Read more about this case](#)



## When should an accident be reported to the Health and Safety Executive?



When reviewing defendant employer documents for our personal injury clients, we sometimes find that the incident or disease being complained of wasn't reported to the Health & Safety Executive. Read our blog to find out which industrial diseases are reportable if clinically diagnosed and likely to have been caused or aggravated by the person's working conditions.

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## Our industrial disease experts

Since occupational diseases can vary so greatly, in addition to their causes, compensation claims are equally diverse but our highly skilled specialist solicitors are perfectly placed to provide the legal advice required in order to secure compensation.

Stephensons is one of the largest firms of its kind and boasts years of combined experience in occupational illness claims. [Visit our website](#) to see what we can help you with.

### The team...

Clare Gammond joined the personal injury department at Stephensons in 2016 and her specialism is industrial disease. Clare has an excellent understanding of such cases and acts for clients suffering from a wide variety of work-related conditions and illnesses.



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Sarah Masters is a solicitor in our personal injury department. She is highly experienced in civil litigation and specialises in industrial disease. She qualified as a solicitor in March 2018 and has a varied case load of industrial disease and illness claims.



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Danielle Callaway is a Partner in the personal injury team and has substantial expertise in all areas of personal injury law including industrial disease claims.

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### In the news...

Stephensons specialist legal professionals are experts in their field and are able to provide an authoritative voice on issues of the day, emerging trends or high profile legal cases. A recent report



by the National Education Union found that teachers are at risk of work related lung disease. Kate Sweeney, head of personal injury, comments below:



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### What our clients say...

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## Our work in the community....

As one of the largest and fastest growing providers of legal services Stephenson Solicitors LLP are fully aware of, and have a genuine commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). We regularly take part in community and fundraising activities in order to raise awareness of industrial diseases and help to raise funds for associated charities. Here are some of the CSR activities we have been involved in recently:



- On Friday 6th July we took part in Action on Mesothelioma Day. We supported this day by attending events in both Manchester and Liverpool which aimed to raise awareness of the dangers of exposure to asbestos. [Read our blog about this day.](#)
- On Friday 10th August we held a bake sale in our office for staff from across the firm to enjoy. This was to support 'Muffins for Meso' - a fundraising initiative by [Mesothelioma UK.](#)
- In September we donated a raffle prize and attended the evening of the Gordon Marriott Golf Event which is held annually to raise funds for the [Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group.](#) This year £11,200 was raised.
- We have also recently held a drop in session at a [Wigan and Leigh Hospice's Oak Centre](#) to talk about industrial disease claims.

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