

(Event postponed) Historic Child Abuse Update Seminar

Location & Date

Date: 1st November 2020

Time: 09:00 - 15:05

Location:

Edinburgh

CPD Hours: 4hours 30minutes

Event postponed

Due to Covid-19 we have postponed this event. We will endeavour to reschedule this event as soon as possible. If you have already booked a place for this event, or require more information, please email: cpd@lawscot.org.uk

5.5 hours verifiable CPD

The Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017 introduced significant changes to the way historic childhood abuse claims are dealt with. It has now been three years since the Act came into force, and awards have been granted by the courts under the new legislation. But what are the practical and legal challenges faced by practitioners working for both pursuers and defenders?

Chaired by Kim Leslie, Partner, Digby Brown, the programme will offer an overview of the 2017 Act, and provide an opportunity for knowledge sharing about managing cases involving historic childhood abuse. The seminar will offer comprehensive updates on recent cases and awards, discuss the main challenges you encounter when intimating and investigating claims, and delve into practical considerations for dealing with trauma and vulnerable clients.

Learning outcomes:

- Refresh your knowledge of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017, the changes it introduced and the key definitions to keep in mind
- Hear about recent decisions and awards
- Discuss the key issues and challenges in conducting historic abuse cases for both pursuers and defenders
- Understand the definition and impact of trauma, and get practical guidance for dealing with your vulnerable clients while also preserving your own wellbeing

Confirmed Speakers:

- **Kim Leslie**, Partner, Digby Brown
- **Donald Henderson**, Head of Redress, Relations and Response Division, Scottish Government
- **Andrea Summers**, Solicitor to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry
- **Graeme Watson**, Partner, Clyde & Co
- **Anne McKechnie**, Consultant Forensic Clinical Psychologist, Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry
- **Laura Connor**, Partner and head of Survivors Department and Mass Litigation Department, Thompsons Solicitors Scotland

Programme Details

09:00 - 09:30

Registration and refreshments

Session one Introduction and update

09:30 - 09:35 **Welcome and introduction**

Speaker

Kim Leslie, Digby Brown

09:35 - 09:55 **The Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017**

- Overview of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017
- Making claims before and after the 2017 Act
- Some key definitions

Speaker

Kim Leslie, Digby Brown

09:55 - 10:15 **Scottish Government Insight**

- Overview of the responses and main themes emerging from the consultation on financial redress for historical child abuse

Speaker

Donald Henderson, Head of Redress, Relations and Response Division, Scottish Government

10:15 - 10:35 **Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry update**

Speaker

Andrea Summers, Solicitor to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

10:35 - 10:50 **Q&A session**

10:50 - 11:10 Refreshments and networking

Session two Personal injury session

11:10 - 11:50 **Intimating and investigating claims**

- Insight into the key issues and challenges faced by practitioners working for both pursuers and defenders
- Sourcing information and providing evidence

Speakers

Graeme Watson, Partner, Clyde & Co

Graeme leads a disease litigation practice with particular emphasis on historic abuse. He has given evidence to the Scottish Parliament on historic abuse and represents key core participants in the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.

Graeme acts extensively for healthcare professionals, particularly doctors and dentists. He represents professionals in clinical negligence claims and before the regulators, including the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service and the General Dental Council. His practice covers fatal accident inquiries and public inquiries. He undertakes judicial reviews arising from healthcare disputes. He is ranked band 1 in Chambers & Partners and tier 1 in the Legal 500.

His disciplinary and regulatory practice extends to teachers, actuaries, accountants and other professions. He sits as a legal adviser to the disciplinary tribunal panels of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

11:50 - 12:30 **Defining compensation: case law update**

- Assessing quantum and causation
- Discussion of recent decisions and awards

12:30 - 12:45 **Q&A session**

12:45 - 13:30 Lunch and networking

Session three Dealing with trauma

13:30 - 14:10 **Dealing with trauma: best practice guidance**

- What is trauma?
- How do we understand and recognise trauma?
- How do we deal with a person that is suffering/has suffered trauma - and how do we protect our own wellbeing?

Speaker

Anne McKechnie, Consultant Forensic Clinical Psychologist, Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

14:10 - 14:30 **Topic TBC**

14:30 - 15:00 **Final consolidation session**

15:00 - 15:05 **Chair: closing remarks**

Prices

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