Case Histories

1. We acted on behalf of an elderly client, then aged 78 years, who commenced a Civil Action in the High Court against Daisy Hill Hospital Trust and 2 Local GP's for their negligence in failing to diagnose the onset of Giant Cell Arteritis and Polymyalgia Rheumatica which resulted in the patient becoming blind. Significant damages awarded.

2. We acted in an action for medical negligence against a Hospital Trust for a Plaintiff who suffered a fracture of the sternum wires affixed in his chest following a heart by-pass operation. The sternum wires fractured cutting into the Plaintiff's chest causing excruciating pain and discomfort on sneezing, inhalation, exhalation, and any exertion constituting significant pain and suffering for over a decade.

3. Proceedings issued against Craigavon Hospital Trust for a Plaintiff who suffered loss of one testicle following an operation for the removal of inguinal hernia when veins were "cut too deep". Liability admitted. Significant damages awarded.

4. Proceedings issued on behalf of a Plaintiff/National Team Sports Person who suffered significant injuries when she fell, whilst under general anaesthetic from an operating table in a private clinic in Dublin during the course of an operation to the underside of her foot. The action issued before Dublin High Court and involved suing the Orthopaedic Surgeon, an Anaesthetist, and the private sports clinic for injuries suffered. Claim included damages for mental stress, psychiatric anxiety, bruising to shoulder and temple caused in the fall. Liability admitted. Significant damages awarded.

5. Proceedings issued against the Royal Victoria Hospital for a Plaintiff suffering from brittle diabetes who failed to have sent out to her, an urgent surgical appointment requiring her to attend urgently for corrective laser ophthalmic treatment resulting in the patient going blind in both eyes when her details were "lost within administration." Very significant damages paid.

6. We acted on behalf of a Plaintiff who suffered scarring resulting from burns when a bottle of acid was dropped on her foot during the course of the removal of an ingrowing toenail at Daisy Hill Hospital Newry resulting in damages being paid.

7. We act on behalf of a Plaintiff who entered hospital after her appendix burst having initially been sent away by an NHS hospital resulting then in consequent subsequent delays at her treating hospital. The delay in treatment following initial misdiagnosis resulted in serious damage to internal organs impacting her ability to continue working as a teacher. Significant damages paid.

8. We acted on behalf of a client in an intended action against a Hospital Trust for injuries suffered in an accident at work when he suffered MRSA following misdiagnosis and mistreatment of a laceration to his leg and which failure to diagnose and treat appropriately resulted in sepsis resulting in significant injury to his leg.

9. We issued Proceedings on behalf of the family of a patient who asphyxiated and died at Craigavon Area Hospital following a stroke when he was fed a breakfast and cup of tea which was contraindicated for one who was Nil by Mouth. Significant damages awarded for loss of dependency and bereavement.

10. We act on behalf of a patient in suing The Hospital Trust and it's Radiological Sub-Contractor Service Provider when her x-rays were "lost within administration" at Daisy Hill Hospital and whose Radiological report then omitted to highlight an abnormality of a metastatic tumour appearing on the x-rays of her lung for a period of 4 years resulting in the progression of a malignant tumour exponentially. Serious Adverse Incident Investigation conducted at Southern Trust Clinical Governance. Liability Admitted. Proceedings issued. Very significant claim.

11. We act on behalf of several patients of former Consultant Neurologist, Dr Michael Watt, in issuing proceedings against the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for its negligence and that of Dr Michael Watt in the treatment, care and diagnosis of our clients and in the inappropriate prescribing of contraindicated, inappropriate and excessive amounts of medications to our Plaintiff clients. Clients were treated for ischemia and for epilepsy (which they never had due to misdiagnosis of their conditions). Proceedings issued and substantial damages awarded in April 2024 and March 2025.

12. We act on behalf of a client who suffered scarring injury to his forehead when involved in a Road Traffic Accident when scarred with windscreen laminated glass particles. 10 years after the accident, particles of laminated glass still continued to surface resulting in extreme pain and requiring remedial surgery. Liability admitted

by Hospital Trust for failing to detect the presence of retained and embedded laminated glass particles at the date of the accident within the Plaintiff's skull and damages awarded.

13. We act on behalf of a Plaintiff client who suffered misdiagnosis of a distended bowel with significant urinary retention following birth of her first child at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry, resulting in Urological and Gynaecological complications. Very significant damages awarded. Liability admitted by Southern Trust.

14. We act on behalf of a client who suffered paralysis in the form of Fixed Functional Dystonia when dry needling was applied to his arm by an acupuncturist and physiotherapist retained by the client's employer to massage to his arm following a repetitive strain injury and muscular discomfort resulting in carpal tunnel syndrome due to excessive and improper repetitive working practices. Very significant damages awarded. Case settled out of Court.

15. We act on behalf of a Plaintiff client who was misdiagnosed at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry and discharged from further care following a fracture to her ankle resulting in a permanent limp when a fracture was subsequently diagnosed in later radiological investigations. Proceedings issued and case awaiting Hearing.

16. We acted on behalf of a client whose hospital notes were lost at Daisy Hill and Craigavon Hospitals, whose notes were then mixed up with another patient's notes (of the same name) and who was advised she had undergone salpingo-oophorectomy and had suffered the complications of the removal of an ovary, when the ovary had not in fact been removed. Significant damages awarded. Liability admitted by Southern Trust. Plaintiff underwent unnecessary fertility treatment.

17. We acted on behalf of a female client who underwent surgery at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry, when a surgical implement was left inside her abdomen subsequent to the surgery.

18. We act on behalf of a client who attended at Craigavon Hospital for removal of a Kidney stone. Extensive delay in treating her condition and inappropriate treatment and medical procedures followed resulting in significant claim against Southern Trust. Case awaiting hearing. Liability admitted at a late stage in proceedings.

19. We act on behalf of a client whose fracture to her leg was not diagnosed at Hospital, resulting in subsequent corrective breaking of leg and surgery resulting in shortening of leg and a limp.

20. We act on behalf of a client in suing a Cosmetic Plastic Surgeon and a Private Hospital for failed aesthetic improvement blepharoplasty surgery to his eyelids resulting in significant pain and resulting in a highly visible protracted scar to his cheek following a failed correction of a pre-existing smaller and barely perceptible scar.

21. We acted for an elderly client who sued her dentist in Belfast for neglect in her care within private treatment in failing to effect secure implants resulting in extreme pain and protracted discomfort and requiring extensive restorative surgery in England and resulting in extensive treatments. Liability admitted by the Defendant Dentist's insurers and significant damages awarded.

22. We act on behalf of a client who suffered 16 extensive periods of inpatient admissions over a 2 year period for complications including leak and seepage from an incisional wound following an unnecessary appendectomy being carried out and resulting in sepsis and prolonged pain and discomfort over a 2 year period requiring client to undergo repeat surgical procedures and hospital admissions until corrected. Very significant damages awarded and case settled on Terms out of Court.

23. We act for a female client who attended and was released from hospital without intervention following a Lisfranc fracture of her left foot. The delay of six weeks before treatment adversely affected her prognosis. Hearing pending.

24. We act for a lady who recently attended at a major NHS hospital in Belfast and was prescribed allergic medication resulting in her going into a coma. She eventually recovered from the incident despite initial assessment discussion with her family by medical staff to turn off the life support machine. She was hospitalised for a further 4 weeks. Proceedings in the High Court pending.

25. We act for a gentleman who had a break in his right hand which was missed under x-ray at Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry. He is now unable to close his hand fully and cosmetically a bone protrudes when he attempts to close his fist. It is too late for

corrective surgery to improve the situation. High Court proceedings instituted and awaiting Hearing.

26. We are instructed by a client who was released from outpatients with a broken ankle after an accident. It was subsequently corrected. This is a disputed matter as to the period his pain and suffering was allowed to continue unnecessarily before corrective surgical intervention and is proceeding to the High Court.

27. We are instructed by a client whose antenatal maternity scan at 20 weeks resulted in her being urged and advised strongly to abort the foetus before 24 weeks as she was told her baby would be born with no quality of life and would be unable to walk, talk or eat due to the rare condition misdiagnosed. Baby born perfectly healthy. Proceedings pending in the High Court of damages resulting from the trauma.

28. We act on behalf of a vulnerable and disabled adult whose care was neglected on 3 occasions within 2 different Respite Care Homes. A significant Adverse Incident Enquiry by the Trust established neglect in the care and treatment of the patient. High Court Proceedings pending.

29. We act on behalf of a client who suffered an Achilles Tendon rupture. She was placed in a cast and was misdiagnosed with blisters on her heel and sole which subsequently were confirmed as pressure ulcers and gangrenous resulting in the patient suffering extreme discomfort and now a limp. High Court Proceedings pending.

30. We act on behalf of a family in a dependency claim following the death of their mother who was referred for cardiac assessment. X-rays taken in 2022 were inadequately assessed and failed to result in treatment for a shadow appearing on her lung evidencing a metastatic tumour. Client attended at GP over the next 18 months and was referred to hospital for constipation. She was subsequently admitted to a different Hospital Trust in March 2023 when a Respiratory Physician advised her that the shadow appearing on the 2022 x-rays evidenced a Stage 1 Cancer which had been allowed to grow without treatment to a terminal stage of cancer. Proceedings pending

31. We act on behalf of a client who was prescribed in error a course of antibiotics by his GP which was contraindicated for his preexisting reduction in kidney function. The complication further significantly reduced his kidney function requiring him to

engage for life in weekly sessions of kidney dialysis and requiring a kidney transplant. Proceedings pending against GP Practice for wrongful diagnosis of contraindicated antibiotic medication.

32. We act on behalf of a client in proceedings against her GP for failing to properly treat and diagnose a wart or cyst on her index finger thereby resulting in progressive deterioration of the bone in her finger requiring emergency surgery and leaving the finger with loss of function.

33. We act on behalf of a client who fell and suffered an injury to his knee. He attended at his local hospital and was prescribed painkillers and discharged. He availed one month later of a private MRI scan which confirmed he had suffered a fracture of his kneecap which then required his leg to be placed in a brace but too late to avoid lifelong implications resulting to his leg following the misdiagnosis at hospital. Proceedings pending.

34. We act on behalf of a client who was knocked unconscious and flung into a ditch following being knocked down by a car whilst jogging on the road. Proceedings have issued against her former Solicitors for an alleged grossed undervalue settlement of her claim occurring in 2018 there having obtained only one medical report on her injuries before settlement then of her claim at an undervalue.

35. We acted on behalf of parents in suing a Hospital Trust for failing to screen donor sperm for a surrogate pregnancy resulting in a subsequent change in skin pigmentation in children born. Proceedings issued in breach of contract and negligence against the hospital trust. Damages paid.

36. We act on behalf of a client who suffered a broken arm following a fall whilst out walking on the road. Proceedings are pending against the Hospital Trust for failure to promptly operate on the fractured humerus at the time. The delayed surgery not having been conducted until 6 months post-accident has resulted in the client suffering neurological deficit in her arm and loss of function with restricted arm levitation with the further complication that fixation screws placed in location have bent in location following surgery.

37. We act on behalf of a client who presented at a hospital trust in severe abdominal pain. She was told she was pregnant and discharged. She queried appendicitis and

was dismissed. She subsequently required admission to hospital for an ectopic pregnancy and required to undergo emergency surgery having initially been discharged without any scans having been conducted. Proceedings pending.

38. We act on behalf of a client who was ‘lost to administration’ by a hospital trust following a referral by his optician for a burst blood vessel causing a blind spot in his eye which subsequently required laser treatment and was discharged without further review allowing the eye to further deteriorate following failed laser surgery allowing pressure in the eyes to cause further bleeding and loss of sight. Proceedings issued.