

# SUCCESS

Over the last five years the ASCG has supported **668** clients diagnosed with an asbestos related illness, helping to secure a total of over **£11 million** in additional income for those supported.

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Monday to Thursday  
9.00am to 4.30pm  
Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm



Monday to Thursday  
10.00am to 3.00pm  
Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm

Your local ASCG contact is:

West View  
Advice and Resource Centre  
Telephone: 01429 271 294



TUC NORTHERN ASBESTOS SUPPORT AND CAMPAIGN GROUP

ASCG c/o West View Advice & Resource Centre Ltd  
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West View Advice & Resource Centre Ltd



# ASBESTOS

related disease diagnosis?



# LET US HELP



# Being diagnosed with an asbestos related disease can be a huge shock. You might be overwhelmed, worried about what happens next or thinking about the impact on your life.

The effects can be devastating and victims will need and deserve as much support as possible to help them cope with the consequences.

As well as potential compensation, there are a number of Government benefits available to people who have

developed a lung condition, after being exposed to asbestos dust and fibres, and their carers.

These can be for substantial amounts of money and can help meet the financial burden of living with a serious illness.

## CASE STUDY 1

Mr W, an 80 year old man from Durham, was diagnosed with Mesothelioma in 2023 as a result of occupational asbestos exposure.



Following his diagnosis, we helped Mr W apply for benefits from the Department for Work and Pensions, which resulted in him being awarded Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit of £222 per week, Attendance Allowance of £109 per week and a lump sum payment of £17,745 under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers Compensation) Act 1979.

We also supported Mr W to apply for a Blue Badge.

In August 2023, Mr W instructed a solicitor in relation to his claim against his former employer for Mesothelioma. His claim was settled in January 2024 and he received compensation of £217,000.

## CASE STUDY 2

Mr F, an 81 year old man from Middlesbrough, was referred to us in 2023 by his Macmillan nurse after being diagnosed with Mesothelioma.



We completed a home visit and assisted Mr F with his application to the Department for Work and Pensions.

Within a few weeks, Mr F was awarded Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit of £208 per week with a backdated payment of £2699 and a lump sum payment of £16,631 under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers Compensation) Act 1979. Mr F was also awarded Attendance Allowance of £102 per week.

Mr F instructed a solicitor to pursue claims for damages against his former employer which resulted in a settlement of £190,000 within nine months of instruction. The settlement also came with an order that requires the former employer to fund any future private medical treatment.

## About the

The ASCG is a partnership between TUC Northern, trade unions, West View Advice and Resource Centre, Macmillan Cancer Support, Thompsons Solicitors and Beecham Peacock Solicitors.

## What we offer

We offer FREE, confidential information, advice and support to anyone with an asbestos related or industrial disease in the North East and North Cumbria.

For those suffering from: Mesothelioma; Asbestosis; Pleural Thickening; Lung Cancer or any other occupational cancer our service can help with:

- **Welfare benefits and support: applying for benefits, appealing against benefit decisions, health costs such as prescriptions and travel to hospital, applying for local authority financial support and charitable grants, requesting a blue disabled parking badge**
- **Independent legal advice and representation**
- **Information about other related services**

## Easy access

You will have access to a specialist personal advisor who will be there to support you through the various services we offer.

Appointments can be held at a patient's home or over the telephone and will usually take place within two weeks of the first contact or referral.

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