

Busbys Solicitors

Caring for our clients

Specialisation: As a result of our extensive experience in dealing with applications for disability and sickness benefits and appeals against refusals, **Busbys** are able to give you the most up to date practical solutions to any questions and problems you may have.

Keeping in touch: We recognise the importance of keeping in touch. This is not only while we are dealing with any specific matter for you, but also more generally over the years. We see it as part of our service to make you aware of the developments that might affect or interest you as they arise by sending periodic newsletters free of charge.

Costs: We will discuss our charges openly and fairly. You may be entitled to free legal advice, and we will discuss with you no-win no-fee agreements whenever possible.

Technology: Our office is fully equipped with the very latest in modern technology. This enables **Busbys** to enhance our efficiency, accuracy and to respond to your needs as soon as possible.

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Getting in Touch

Billions of pounds are lost to the sick and disabled each year in unclaimed benefits. Busbys have considerable experience and success in obtaining disability and sickness benefits for our clients. Legal Help (paid by the government) for your legal fees is usually available.

So do not delay. Get in touch with us now if you or a friend or a member of your family may qualify for these benefits.

Contact **John Busby** who specialises in benefits claims for the sick and disabled. John looks forward to helping you. Home and hospital visits can be arranged.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9-1 & 2-5

(at other times by appointment)

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The Problem

Millions of people each year should receive sickness and disability benefits but do not. Billions of pounds each year should be paid to the sick and disabled but are not. Why? Many reasons are given. Our experience in dealing with hundreds of applications for these benefits show the main concerns to be;

- lack of knowledge of what is claimable
- a reluctance to claim
- an inability to complete the forms properly
- an unwillingness to appeal against refusal

The Solution

At Busbys, we have established a regional reputation for success in getting sickness and disability benefits for our clients. We undertake a careful diagnosis of each possible claim. We maximise the potential for a successful application. We assist in completing the application forms which are worryingly long and complex. We liaise with the decision makers, with care professionals and doctors. We represent clients in appeals tribunals whenever benefits have been wrongly withheld.

What will it cost?

Most benefits for the sick and disabled are non-means tested. Even millionaires can and do claim. Many disabled claimants have little or no money to pay for the best legal advice. In many cases, we can see our clients with help from the government paid Legal Help scheme. This will cover all work undertaken in seeing our clients, preparing applications, statements and reports, and in preparing for any appeal. The work under the scheme is done free to our clients but does not cover advocacy at appeals. For appeals we will arrange a no-win no-fee agreement. We will recover our costs if you are successful, and we will be paid from your backdated lump sum award.

Is it all worth it?

Our experience shows that our clients who obtain these benefits have a better and usually happier standard of living. Their ability to get out and about and their ability to buy in extra care and equipment is greatly enhanced. These benefits can be the passport to receiving other benefits, tax credits and services. Many regret not knowing about the benefits available and failing to apply much earlier. We believe it is worth it. You must believe it too for the sake of yourself and your family.

What you have to do

First you need to be aware of what the benefits are. That is never easy. If in doubt, find out from the Citizens Advice Bureau, other successful claimants, or specialist solicitors such as Busbys.

There are benefits for people who cannot work, for the extra costs of disability, for accidents at work and industrial diseases, for carers of the disabled, and there are income-related benefits and tax credits. Apply to your local DSS office for the forms. If you harbour any misgivings or uncertainties, do not complete the forms yourself. Many otherwise admirable claims fall down at this first hurdle. Seek professional help from a specialist. If your benefit is refused, seek advice on appealing.

There are usually time limits to observe when you apply for benefits or appeal against their refusal. Prompt action and good advice are essential. We will guide you through the maze.

You should contact us as soon as possible to enable us to discuss your claim or your appeal with you.