

## Compensation can help the injured to cope

### PI BRIEF

So-called compensation culture has come under scrutiny, but says **Alan Scott-Davies**, senior legal claims adviser at South West personal injury solicitors Harris Fowler, where there's a claim, there can be a victim that might otherwise lose out

A welcome development in the tighter controls continues! law meant that abuse victims There will always be those could seek compensation many who argue that the real fault is years after the alleged abuse all these compensation claims took place and those enquiries the 'no win no fee' culture are still ongoing. The Court which is ruining the country.

Appeal ruled that injured sol Compensation claims are all diers' families could sue thegedly responsible for taking MOD for failing to provide the way scarce resources from the right equipment to front-line NHS, insurance premiums are soldiers who were injured. rising in every sector and busi- Thousands of women are pur- nesses are being squeezed be- suing compensation following cause of compensation paid to the PIP breast implant scandal injured workers. I hear this at the provision of account man- and those cases are also headgument on a regular basis but agement support for merging to the courts. wonder if those that do some might chanters who want to grow their

The number of cases where take a different view if these people are claiming for asbes were seriously injured because With a previous career in tos related conditions contain the negligence of someone small business banking and us to rise many years after else. When they are recovering retail, Andy has flourished they were exposed to asbestos in hospital after major surgery within the digital marketing in the workplace. Negligence or convalescing at home unable sector which, says managing claims against the NHS also to work for many months director Mark Russell, has continues to give cause for com without any salary, what will be challenged by a short fall cern and comes at the very time they be thinking? They might of candidates with the right when the 111 Service is failing trying to figure out how their skills sets.

to deliver what was promised. will pay their mortgage and "One of Andy's strengths has Health tourism is an emotive household bills, or support proven to be his huge ability to topic with the drain on NHS their family, and being able take on board the many daily funding being much higher seek professional (free) legal banks and processes of the busi- than first thought and minis advice leading to an opportunity as well as seeing the big ters have finally published ity to secure some financial picture," says Mark. report that outlines its plans compensation suddenly seems charge migrants to use the like a really good service. NHS. A&E departments are It is for the Government of overstretched leading to more the day to introduce legislation with the skills and personality allegations of poor service that will make us all safer onto coordinate and run the Ply- GPs are now part of Clinical the roads, in the workplace, omouth office while I devoted Commissioning Groups. when we're under the care the more time to the strategic de-

There has been much talk of NHS. The role of the personal development of the business. changes to the dangerous dogs injury lawyer is to challenge is upon leveraging the power of legislation but it is a territory these laws where necessary Top, Adam Short, second right, is an asset to Devon Air Ambulance while, slow process and many argue and represent those people who that the proposals do not go as suffer as a result of the ne- traditional relationship building is a key part of its de- enough. Whatever the changes ligent acts of others. they will come too late for many.

families who have seen loved Harris Fowler has a specialist department dealing ones seriously injured and with the whole range of personal injury and even killed by out of control clinical negligence claims. Free and confidential dogs. This month, the tragic legal advice is available on 0800 213 214 or visit case of Jade Anderson where our website www.harrisfowler.co.uk Harris Fowler highlighted in the national a trading name of Harris Fowler Limited and is news when the owner of the authorised and regulated by the Solicitors four dogs that killed this lovely Regulation Authority no. 558271. 14 year-old girl walked free from court with a suspended sentence. The campaign for

## The Range targets an ambitious store roll out

Retail chain the Range is gearrenly the beginning. We have ing up to create 1,050 jobs thiever opened so many stores month as it opens seven stores in such a short space of time

in November. and it will take a lot of hard own and overseeing 10 staff, Lesley is also a valued brand team, always striving toquieter periods."

The Plymouth-based dis- work however we are confident count retail empire will over that it can be achieved as we new stores at Milton Keynes, have such an excellent team Dundee, Dumfries, Maidstone, working for us."

Derby, Bedford and Southend, He added: "We are heading starting from November 15. into one of our busiest times

This will take its portfolio, ar with Christmas very stores to 85. The Range already much on its way. It is import-

employs 5,000 staff ant during these times that we The openings are part of a have dedicated staff on board three-year plan to create 6,750 at give 110% and we are ex- jobs in an ambitious push cited to invite our new em- north that will see it recruit oyes to our already strong work force."

In all, it will open a further Earlier this week, the chain 45 stores across the UK. announced that its Christmas

Founder Chris Dawson said: TV ad would be created by Ben "There is so much more to Wheatley, director of the film come from The Range, this is Sightseers.

# Shortlist talent will be vying

The shortlist for the 2013 Western Morning News Business Awards has been announced with a host of companies vying to win in 15 award categories. The awards final will be held on November 21, in Plymouth. This week, we profile the companies contending the Green Achievement, Innovation and Employee of the Year Award categories

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