

**Case report**

C was aged 28 when injured in October 2017 and was aged 35 at the date of settlement, in July 2022. He was injured when knocked from his bicycle. He suffered catastrophic injuries to his left leg resulting in a below knee amputation. He required a total of 9 separate surgical procedures including the fashioning of a complex, and non-optimum, stump. There was a chance that further stump revision surgery might be required in the future. He also suffered injuries to both knees with fractures of the right leg extending into the tibial plateau requiring Ilizarov immobilisation. He was at risk of developing osteoarthritis in both knees requiring knee replacement in the future. He suffered relatively modest psychological injuries.

Prior to the accident C was a passionate and high level cyclist, spending all of his leisure time mountain biking and road biking. His rehabilitation was focussed upon enabling him to return to his previous activities. That required the provision of multiple prostheses for the different types of cycling. Prosthetics obtained as at the date of settlement included Empower and Proflex legs (for daily activities), a Cheetah blade (for showering), a Bio-Adapt leg (for mountain biking) and a Runway leg (for casual cycling). Buddy support was planned to allow him to return safely to the more “extreme” mountain biking that he had previously enjoyed.

Expert medical evidence suggested that C was a high-level prosthetics user but that his level of function would deteriorate in due course, with increasing disability and dependence on a wheelchair as he aged into his 70s.

Prior to the accident C worked in a public house with his family. He received free board and lodging but little in the way of actual earnings. He had been unable to return to work as at the date of settlement.

Settlement was agreed in the gross sum of £4,750,000. No breakdown was agreed in relation to individual heads of loss but the settlement broadly broke down as follows:

General damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenities	£140,000
Interest thereon	£4,000
Past care	£30,000
Past miscellaneous expenses & rehabilitation costs	£385,000
Past loss of earnings	£20,000
Future loss of earnings	£400,000
Future prosthetic costs	£1,050,000
Future care and case management costs	£1,100,000
Future accommodation costs	£875,000
Future therapies	£40,000
Future aids and equipment	£200,000

Future transport costs	£326,000
Future household expenses	£60,000
Future holidays	£75,000
Future treatment	£45,000

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