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## **SPINAL INJURIES CONFERENCE: The Client Journey**

**20th April 2023**

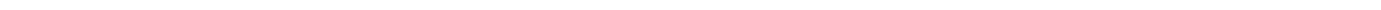
**9.00am – 4.30pm**

**The OEC, Penistone Road Sheffield, S6 2DE**

Includes demonstrations of ground-breaking rehabilitation robotic technology, medical, legal and sporting speakers.

Join specialists from a range of disciplines as they explore the very latest practises, techniques and current thinking for those supporting individuals affected by spinal injury.

This informative and compelling industry conference will use case studies, robotic technology demonstrations and inspiring stories to chart a client journey from injury, through treatment and rehabilitation, to living life with a spinal injury.





Time	Title/synopsis	Speakers
9.00am	Registration, refreshments and a chance to meet exhibitors and see demonstrations of the very latest in robotic technology.	
9.30am	Welcome and introduction	Warren Maxwell, Partner, Stewarts
9.40am	<p><b>A Legal Perspective: navigating complex personal injury claims</b></p> <p>Using real-life examples, leading personal injury lawyers shine a spotlight on fundamental issues in legal cases that can help ensure the best possible outcomes for clients.</p>	<p>Ben Bradley, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers</p> <p>Chris Smith, Partner, Stewarts</p>
10.30am	<p><b>The Acute Phase of a Spinal Injury</b></p> <p>Mr Thumbikat will explain the national spinal cord injury framework/pathway delivered by the specialist spinal injury units in the UK. He will then discuss the model of rehabilitation, criteria for acceptance and the gaps in the pathway. He will discuss the role of specialist rehabilitation outside of conventional NHS pathways including in the third and private sectors.</p>	Mr Pradeep Thumbikat, Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Director of Sheffield Spinal Unit
11.20am	BREAK	
11.40am	<p><b>Medical Cannabis for Pain Relief</b></p> <p>A session on the use and prescribing of medicinal cannabis, particularly looking at the contemporary challenges, changing the culture and views of the population on cannabis as a medical adjunct, using cannabis for clients with dual diagnosis (or not). Exploring the use of medical cannabis to manage pain to maximise rehabilitation outcomes.</p>	Dr Liz Iveson, Consultant Stroke and Neurorehabilitation Physician.



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12.30 noon	Lunch	
1.30pm	Welcome back and introduction to the afternoon session	Matthew Phillips KC, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers
1.40pm	<p><b>Reimagining Rehabilitation: case studies, kit and clinical trials.</b></p> <p>Showcasing the very best in spinal injury rehabilitation techniques. In this session you'll discover what's new in the world of robotics and how, when combined with intensive rehabilitation, a clients quality of life and independence can be transformed.</p>	<p>Lucy Wright, Head of Therapies, STEPS Rehabilitation</p> <p>Kostas Falidas, Physiotherapist, STEPS Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Stephen Ruffle, Director, Thor Technologies</p>
2.30pm	<p><b>Game Changer: athletes share their experiences of competitive sport after injury.</b></p> <p>Learn from several Paralympic athletes about the emotional, social and physical benefits to be derived from playing sport.</p>	<p>Kevan Baker OBE, Chief Executive of SPINE and Former Paralympic Athlete</p> <p>Hannah Cockroft, Paralympic Gold Medallist</p> <p>Nathan Maguire, Commonwealth Champion and Paralympic Athlete</p>
3.20pm-4.30pm	<p>Closing remarks by the day's Chairs</p> <p>Post conference drinks, networking and demonstrations of the ExoMotus and ReWalk.</p>	