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Personal Injury Trust - Key Questions

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This is a document aimed at helping answer some of the most common questions that we get asked about Personal Injury Trusts. We have also produced a much more detailed document that can be read by anyone wishing for more in depth information.

What is a Personal Injury Trust?

A legal document that allows you to hold Personal Injury Compensation in a way that won't impact your entitlement to means tested benefits such as Universal Credit. Protects compensation from being means tested for care funding.

Am I giving my money away?

No. Most PITs are what is known as "bare trusts", money in these PITs belongs to the claimant still and has not been given away.

Am I losing control of my money?

No. We would normally recommend that you as the claimant are one of the trustees. You therefore retain control of the funds, although you do need to work with the other Trustee(s) to make decisions.

What is a trustee?

A trustee is responsible for looking after the money held within the trust. You must have at least 2 trustees and we recommend not to have more than 4. It is important to choose people that you trust to act as your trustee and that you think you can work well with.

How can I hold the money within the trust?

Money can be held in bank accounts, investments or property.

Can I spend my money?

Yes. The money is yours to spend. You can access funds through the trust bank account that is set up at the same time as the trust.

What happens when I die?

Any money in a Personal Injury Trust (Bare Trust) at death will be treated as if any other asset of someone's estate. This means that whatever your Will says will dictate how the funds in the trust are dealt with. If you don't have a Will, then we recommend making one. We can introduce you to a trusted legal partner to help with this.

How much does setting up a PIT cost?

The cost will vary depending on who sets the trust up for you. We are aware of costs being as little as £550 plus VAT to over £2,000 plus VAT. We work closely with our legal partners and can recommend the right person to assist in setting up a trust for you.

I have more questions, who can I ask?

We offer a free PIT advice service. Please contact us on the email address below and we will be happy to arrange a phone call or video call with you to answer any further questions with you.

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