

Why are our Legal Partners so key to Steel Bones?

Since Steel Bones began in 2015, we have had an ever-growing number of conversations with our registered families regarding accidents they have had or concerns over their healthcare. So much so, Trustees felt compelled to introduce a new role called Legal Support Volunteer, with personal experience of this. We are passionate about providing amputee families with the very best advice, tailored for their needs and so for the last 2/3 years, we have been trying to find the best model for providing amputee families with superb and tailored legal advice to them 121.

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The lawyers we are working with have been handpicked carefully for the Steel Bones Community. They are down-to-earth, proactive and approachable. We are very excited to kickstart this partnership. Particularly as this means, the families we support, can access at least 2 expert legal opinions who work with amputees. **We strongly recommend that anyone in need of legal counsel seeks at least 2 professional opinions.**

We very much enjoy working with Law Firms that are passionate about finding the best solutions for their clients and who have expertise in amputation cases. We only work with Firms that are of excellent reputation and represented on Legal 500. We enjoy working with Lawyers one to one and ensuring we get to know exactly who the individuals are that will be helping our families find answers to their questions.

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The arrangement is that the Law Firms contribute to a fund helping to provide year-round stability to our key National Programmes. The Law Firms will also be providing in kind support and resources to provide specialist advice in marketing, and communications whilst also connecting us with the wider community to build awareness of our work. None of the law firms will make any payments to **Steel Bones** for any introduction or referral of customers.