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Injury case managers get ethical check list

A NEW code of ethics for case managers has been launched at the House of Lords.

Lord Hunt of Wirral was due to host yesterday's launch of the code, which has been jointly produced by the Case Management Society of the UK and the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers.

It is designed to be an ethical guide for case managers who work with injured clients to ensure they are restored to a reasonable quality of life.

Helen Spillards, CMSUK board member, said: "The most significant thing is that it is a joint venture between CMSUK and BABICM. It is

important case managers have sound principles and the code provides a simple structure for case managers to follow and provides assurance to relevant parties involved in the process."

Clients are often referred to case managers by personal injury lawyers or insurers who

wish to ensure clients receive the necessary rehabilitation, care, accommodation, equipment or services without having to wait for their compensation claim to be settled.

The launch is supported by a range of organisations including the Association of British Insurers and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Loss adjusting trio unite to expand UK coverage

BY MAIRI MACDONALD
 THREE loss adjusters are joining forces to expand their geographic and technical reach.

The partnership between London market loss adjuster Adjusting Solutions, Scotland-based Signum Consulting and fledgling Surrey-based Core Insurance Services is on an associate basis but a more formal arrangement between the companies has not been ruled out.

Signum Consulting UK, with offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh, is run by co-directors Martin Shearer and David Scott, covers property and liability claims on behalf of insurers including Lloyd's underwriters, brokers and commercial clients.

Mr Shearer said: "Our strategic partnership with Adjusting Solutions and Core Insurance Services is an exciting development. We will be working in association with like-minded specialist adjusters who have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the industry."

He told *Post* that the company had been considering partnering up with Adjusting Solutions for some time and did not rule out a



Battell: increasing claims footprint across the UK.

future merger. He said: "The three companies are retaining their identity and we're working as associates but this is flexible for the future."

"The relationship is under constant review and if that is a logical step in the future then it may be a development we will look into."

Core in Oxted was launched in May by David Miles and Alan Hines who stepped down from directorships at Questgates

following its switch to limited company status last year. Mr Miles said Core had retained the office, staff and clients of the former Questgates' southern operation in Oxted and changed in name only.

Mr Miles said: "We are delighted to be autonomous and independent yet we appreciate the need to form strategic partnerships. This is very early days but we will see where the partnership takes us."

At its launch in May, Mr Miles said Core would focus on the liability sector while retaining a hand in other loss adjusting areas including motor/road traffic accident work.

Adjusting Solutions director Tom Battell said it had priced itself out of the market for smaller claims, preferring to focus on large claims, but that the deal with Core provided the opportunity to share a broader spread potential of client's business.

"This is a natural progression for us. Our clients would like more of the same across a wider claims front and increased territory while retaining named individuals for their personal abilities," he said.

Court rules amateur clubs can be employers

A HIGH Court ruling last week on vicarious liability on the playing field may force amateur sports clubs to rethink whether to pay bonuses to players.

Andrew Gravid, a semi-professional rugby player from Halifax RFC has successfully sued Redruth RFC after he was punched in the eye by one of their players in 2005. The court ruled that Redruth RFC was liable for the actions

thinking more about whether players receive bonuses for winning games, and even if they are compensated for travel expenses.

She said: "The courts made it clear that there has to be a contract of employment between the club and the player."

"It is still a grey area but to think they might be personally liable would be worrying for them."

win bonuses but it may be something the Rugby Football Union advises clubs against in future," added Mr Watson. "From that point of view the case has left a nasty taste."

He added that the case is also likely to have an impact on the coming year's insurance policies. Currently, amateur clubs have coverage under a plan taken out by the RFU through Marsh. Mr Watson expressed concern the RFU

