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Government announcement on Jackson – APIL response

We understand the new Government's need to control costs and we look forward to further consultation on CFAs, a system on which our members have worked extremely hard over the years, and which we believe provides an invaluable funding option for the general public.

Cutting costs and improving efficiencies must never be to the detriment of injured people. Shifting costs onto claimants, as proposed by Lord Justice Jackson, is a step backwards, and could disenfranchise many injured people from the justice system, because they simply won't be able to afford to bring legitimate cases.

Fair redress for people injured through no fault of their own is vital, and we urge the new Government to look closely at the behaviour of those who seek to undermine this. In the meantime, APIL is committed to working with other stakeholders to examine claims of high litigation costs and, wherever possible, work to improve the system for the benefit of injured people.

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