

PRESS RELEASE

Road Traffic accident victim, Edward Haddock was awarded damages after his claim for compensation was brought before a Judge at Newcastle County Court.

Mr Haddock, 31, from Gateshead was injured in the accident in March 2007 when the vehicle he was driving was involved in a collision as a result of another vehicle pulling out in front of him. As a consequence Mr Haddock suffered whiplash injuries.

Mr Haddock pursued a claim for compensation through his union, Unite, and the case was taken on by Union Solicitors, Beecham Peacock. Despite the Insurers acting for the other driver admitting fault for the accident, it was not possible to reach an amicable settlement with them owing to their refusal to offer a realistic settlement to Mr Haddock. As a result Court Proceedings were commenced on Mr Haddock's behalf and the claim has recently concluded when a Judge at Newcastle County Court awarded Mr Haddock a sum, which was nearly 50% more than the amount offered by the Insurers.

Mr Haddock's Legal Representative, Sarah Watson of Beecham Peacock was delighted that with the support of his Union, Unite, Mr Haddock's case had reached such a successful conclusion. She stated "it is becoming increasingly common for Insurers to put forward unreasonable settlement offers to Claimant's such as Mr Haddock, the innocent victim of a road traffic accident and refuse to compromise at all. In Mr Haddock's case this has ultimately led to the Insurers having to pay significantly more than would have been the case if they had been more reasonable in the first place"

Mr Haddock commented:- "It was certainly worth waiting for. I am delighted with the outcome although it has cost the Insurers far more in the long run by being unreasonable and refusing to offer a realistic amount of compensation to me. It also would not have been possible without the support of my Union, Unite who funded my claim and also the professional way my claim was handled by my Solicitors, Beecham Peacock.