

**For the attention of: Personal Injury Claims Managers
Recovery of NHS Charges –
Tariff and CAP increase from 1 April 2009**

**1. For the attention of: PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS MANAGERS
attention **The NHS Injury Cost Recovery (ICR) Scheme – Annual
Increase in the Tariff and Ceiling on Charges – Scotland increase****

Compensation Recovery Unit (CRU), on behalf of the Departments of Health (Dsh), currently administers the above scheme, which allows for the recovery of National Health Service (NHS) costs following injuries where people claim and receive personal injury compensation.

The tariff and ceiling on charges (cap) payable by compensators for the recovery of NHS treatment and ambulance charges under the NHS Injury Cost Recovery (ICR) scheme was increased from 1st April 2009* for injuries sustained on or after that date only. The increases apply only to treatment being provided in England and Wales.

The Scottish government intend to lay regulations to increase the tariff and ceiling of charges in line with England and Wales. The implementation date for Scottish increases will be 12 June 2009.

This uplift in the level of charges is an annual event to reflect Hospital and Community Health Services (HCHS) inflation.

The following tables can be used as a quick reference guide:

NHS Treatment and Ambulance Journey Charges – England and Wales

Incident date (on or after)	Out-patient	In-patient	Cap	Ambulance Charges (per person per journey)
Pre 2.7.1997	£295	£435	£3,000	
02.07.1997	£354	£435	£10,000	
01.01.2003	£440	£541	£30,000	
01.04.2003	£452	£556	£33,000	
01.04.2004	£473	£582	£34,800	
01.04.2005	£483	£593	£35,500	
01.04.2006	£505	£620	£37, 100	
29.01.2007	£505	£620	£37, 100	£159
01.04.2008	£547	£672	£40, 179	£165
01.04.2009	£566	£695	£41,545	£171

NHS Treatment and Ambulance Journey Charges – Scotland

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Any questions?

If you have any queries regarding this communication or on any aspect of the above recovery schemes please do not hesitate to contact:

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