



Neurodegenerative diseases in professional sportspersons

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) provides advice to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in Great Britain and the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland about the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) Scheme – the scheme by which employed earners in the UK receive state compensation for industrial accidents or certain scheduled occupational diseases (prescribed diseases).

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) last considered sports injuries in 2005, at which time there was insufficient evidence to warrant prescription for any condition in any groups of professional sportspersons.

Currently the Council is updating its evidence review in relation to professional sportspersons and neurodegenerative diseases, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, dementia, impaired cognitive function, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and motor neurone disease.

The Council is seeking high quality research evidence about the risks of neurodegenerative diseases in professional sportspersons. Any organisation or individual with such scientific evidence is invited to submit it to the Council at the address below no later than 30 June 2014.

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