



OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE IN JOINERS REVIEW

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) is undertaking a review of osteoarthritis of the knee in joiners. The Council 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 scheme – the scheme by which employed earners in the UK receive benefits for industrial accidents or certain scheduled occupational diseases (prescribed diseases).

This review will evaluate whether current scientific and medical evidence justifies adding osteoarthritis of the knee in joiners to the list of prescribed diseases. IIAC is specifically looking for population based (epidemiological) evidence showing the risks of osteoarthritis of the knee in joiners or in occupational activities that joiners might typically undertake (e.g. kneeling and squatting). Further information on the scheme and the criteria IIAC uses in reviewing the terms of prescription can be found at www.gov.uk/iac.

Any organisation or individual with scientific or medical evidence about the risks of osteoarthritis of the knee in these workers is invited to submit it to the Council at the address below no later than 30th April 2015.

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