



OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE REVIEW

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) is undertaking a review of osteoarthritis of the knee and occupation. 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 consider whether current scientific and medical evidence justifies making changes to the coverage for Prescribed Disease (PD) A14 (osteoarthritis of the knee). Currently only underground coal miners and carpet fitters are eligible for PD A14.

IIAC is specifically looking for population based (epidemiological) evidence showing the risks of osteoarthritis of the knee in occupations in general, particularly in construction trades and among farmers or farm workers, as well as risks from occupational activities involving kneeling and squatting under heavy load.

Further information on the scheme and the criteria IIAC uses in reviewing the terms of prescription can be found at www.gov.uk/iiac.

Any organisation or individual with scientific or medical evidence about the risks of occupational osteoarthritis of the knee is invited to submit it to the Council at the address below no later than 11th September 2015.

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