



LEGAL EXPENSES INSURANCE

POLICY WORDING

OFFICERS' LEGAL PROTECTION INSURANCE

This insurance is managed and provided by Addept Insurance Services Ltd. It is underwritten by Irwell Insurance Company Limited, on whose behalf **We** act.

If **You** make a valid claim under this insurance, **We** will appoint **Our** panel solicitors, or their agents, to handle **Your** case. **You** are not covered for any other legal representatives' fees unless court proceedings are issued or a **Conflict of Interest** arises. Where, following the start of court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arising, **You** want to use a legal representative of **Your** own choice, **Advisers' Costs** payable by **Us** are limited to no more than (a) **Our Standard Advisers' Costs**; or (b) the amount recoverable under the Civil Procedure Fixed Recoverable Costs Regime, whichever is the lower amount.

The insurance covers **Advisers' Costs** and other costs and expenses as detailed under the separate sections of cover, up to the **Maximum Amount Payable** where: -

- a) The **Insured Event** takes place and is reported to **Us** within six months of the **Insured Event** and in the **Period of Insurance**
 - and
 - b) The **Insured Event** and the **Legal Action** takes place in the **Territorial Limits**.
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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

If **Your** claim is covered under a section of this policy and no exclusions apply then it is vital that **You** comply with the conditions of this policy for **Your** claim to proceed. The conditions applicable to this section are contained under the 'Conditions' section below and should be read carefully. Some of the main conditions to this insurance are that:

Prospects of Success

There must be a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. A positive outcome includes, but is not limited to, recovering the amount of money at stake, enforcing a judgment or achieving an outcome which best serves **Your** interests. In Gross Misconduct matters a positive outcome would be avoiding dismissal. The assessment of **Your** claim and the prospects of its success will be carried out by an independent lawyer. If the lawyer determines that there is not a 51% or greater chance of success then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

Proportional Costs

An estimate of the **Costs** to deal with **Your** claim must not be more than the amount of money in dispute. The estimate of the **Costs** will be provided with the assessment of **Your** case and will be carried out by the independent lawyer. If the estimate exceeds the amount in dispute then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

Duty of Disclosure

If this policy covers **You** as a private individual, unrelated to any trade, business or profession, **You** must take reasonable care to disclose correct information. The extent of the information **You** are required to disclose will be based on, among other things, the type of insurance, explanatory material and the clarity and specificity of the questions **You** are asked when **You** took out this insurance.

Suspension of Cover

If **You** breach a condition of this insurance contract which is essential to its performance, this insurance contract will be suspended from the time of the breach until the time the breach can be remedied. The **Insurer** will have no liability to **You** for any loss which occurs, or which is attributable to something happening, during the period when this insurance contract is suspended.

ASSISTANCE AND HELPLINE SERVICES

Legal and Tax Helpline: 020 3103 6879

Use the 24-hour advisory service for telephone advice on any private legal or taxation matter of concern to you in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

We will ask you for a summary of the problem and pass these details on to an **Adviser**.

The helpline cannot advise on any matters relating to **Your** conditions of service as a police officer. Where **You** need advice of this type please speak to **Your** Federation representative.

This helpline is available to anyone belonging to the main household over 18 years of age and is provided by **Our** partner solicitors.

Lifestyle Counselling Helpline & Online Support Service

This service can help with a range of problems from practical everyday matters to sensitive or emotional issues.

Our specialists will help **You** deal with personal relationship problems, problems with colleagues in the workplace and other issues affecting **Your** general wellbeing.

Counsellors and information specialists are also trained to help **You** with practical problems like debt.

The helpline is complemented by a comprehensive online information and support service, through which **You** can access information and advice on a range of issues and problems which often impact on everyday life. Topics are diverse and include relationships, childcare issues, consumer issues, stress, health and fitness. Information is updated regularly by a team of experienced counsellors and information specialists.

You can access the Lifestyle Counselling Helpline on **020 4570 6149** or **You** can access the Online Support Service by visiting www.addeptgroup.co.uk/support.

This service is available to anyone belonging to the main household over 18 years of age and is provided by **Our** support service partner.

Legal Assistance Hub

As an addition to **Your** Legal Protection cover, **You** can use **Our** online Legal Hub provided by **Our** partner solicitors. This will provide **You** with: -

- An online personal legal healthcheck, which will suggest actions that **You** should take to ensure that **Your** legal affairs are in order
- Interactive legal documents that can help **You** with legal issues such as raising complaints about items **You** have bought or services **You** have received. **You** can also create documents for **Your** lifestyle choices such as creating a Will, Power of Attorney or Tenancy Agreement etc.
- Access to legal resources including guidance and information on areas of law that may be of interest to **You** such as employment disputes, injury claims or leaving gifts in **Your** will.
- A news feed of changes in the law and how they could affect **You**.

The service can be accessed by visiting www.addeptgroup.co.uk/legalhub where **You** can register **Your** details and access this service.

When calling any of the assistance helpline services, say that You are a member of Your Police Federation Legal Expenses Scheme, or that You are a family member.

DEFINITIONS

Adviser	Our specialist panel solicitors or their agents appointed by Us to act for You , or, and subject to Our agreement, where court proceedings have been started or a Conflict of Interest arises, another legal representative nominated by You .
Advisers' Costs	Legal or accountancy fees and disbursements incurred by the Adviser or other legal representative with Our prior written authority. Third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against You in a civil court and paid on the standard basis of assessment.
Conflict of Interest	There is a Conflict of Interest if We administer and / or arrange legal expenses insurance on behalf of any other party in the dispute which is the subject of a claim under this insurance.
Data Controller	The party which determines the purpose for, and the manner in, which personal data are, or are to be processed.
Data Protection Legislation	The relevant Data Protection Legislation in force within the Territorial Limits where this cover applies, at the time of the Insured Event .
Disclosure Breach	Disclosing false information or failing to disclose relevant information in the process of entering into this insurance contract.
HM Revenue and Customs Full Enquiry	An enquiry under Section 9A of the Taxes Management Act 1970 into Your Personal income or gains.
Identity Fraud	A person or group of persons knowingly using a means of identification belonging to You without Your knowledge or permission with intent to commit or assist another to commit an illegal act.
Insured Event	The incident or the first of a series of incidents which may lead to a claim under this insurance. Only one Insured Event shall be deemed to have arisen from all causes of action, incidents or events that are related by cause or time. In a claim arising from Identity Fraud the Insured Event is a single act or the start of a series of single acts against You by one person or group of people. In a claim arising from an HM Revenue and Customs Full Enquiry, the Insured Event shall be deemed to be the date HM Revenue and Customs issue a formal notice to You notifying of a full enquiry into Your non-business affairs. In a claim arising from a prosecution the Insured Event is the date on which You are arrested, interviewed under caution, or You are charged with a criminal offence whichever happens first. In a claim arising from an accusation of Gross Misconduct, the Insured Event is the date on which You are served with a Regulation 17 notice. In a claim arising from an investigation under Appendix 9 of the Police Federation Fund Rules, the Insured Event is the date on which You are served with a notice that You are being investigated under the provisions of that Appendix, or the date You are suspended from or have restrictions imposed on Your Police Federation duties, whichever occurs first. In a claim arising from wrongful arrest the Insured Event is the date of Your arrest.
Insurer	Irwell Insurance Company Limited.

Legal Action(s)	As defined within the individual sections of cover to include: - • The pursuit or defence of civil legal cases for damages or injunctions, or • The defence of criminal and motor prosecutions and representation at disciplinary hearings or actions arising from the theft of Your vehicle's identity.																							
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Member	The individual for whom a premium has been paid to Us who is either: - • A police officer who is a member of the Police Federation • A retiree who is a former member of the Police Federation • A police officer above the rank of Chief Inspector who was formerly a member of the Police Federation • Police staff of the police service • An employee of the Police Federation • A Special Constable													
Period of Insurance	Any month which You have paid a premium for.													
Standard Advisers' Costs	The level of Advisers' Costs that would normally be incurred in using a nominated Adviser of Our choice.													
Territorial Limits	For Personal Injury and Crime - Overseas: - Worldwide For all other sections: - The United Kingdom, and, provided Your principal place of residence remains within the United Kingdom; Countries which are members of the EEA, The Isle of Man, The Channel Islands, Andorra, Gibraltar, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland and Turkey.													
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Sections of cover 1 - 5 will only apply if the alleged offence occurred outside the course of duty, unless otherwise authorised by the Police Federation Executive, Council or Board.

1a Crime – Pre Charge

i) Interview

What is insured

If **You** are asked to attend an interview with the police to do with an event which might lead to **You** being cautioned or charged with a criminal offence, the **Insurer** will pay **Advisers' Costs**, for **You** to see an **Adviser** before the interview takes place, and for representation at the interview itself where the relevant body refuses to fund representation by the **Adviser**.

ii) Post Interview

What is insured

If, following an interview under caution **You** are not charged with a criminal offence straight away, but there is a possibility that **You** may be at a later date, and it is necessary for **You** to consult with an **Adviser** to protect **Your** interests, the **Insurer** will pay **Advisers' Costs** for **You** to see an **Adviser**.

1b Crime – Magistrates Court

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** in Magistrates Court after any event which results in criminal proceedings being brought against **You**, including making an appeal against **Your** conviction or sentence. Pleas in mitigation are covered where there is a 51% or greater prospect of such a plea materially affecting the likely outcome and when it is in the public interest to do so.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Arising from parking offences which **You** do not get penalty points on **Your** licence for
- b) Where **You** had a previous insurance policy that will still provide cover for the alleged incident.

1c Crime – Crown Court

What is insured

If **You** are committed to stand trial in a Crown Court the **Insurer** will pay a sum equal to any assessed income based contribution payable towards the costs of **Your** defence incurred under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme limited to the amount which **You** would be assessed as being required to pay in the absence of this insurance contract. For the avoidance of doubt, neither **Our** resources, the resources of the **Insurer** or the resources of any other party involved in the provision of this insurance are otherwise available to **You** to meet such costs as **You** may be assessed as being required to pay under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme.

Where **We** believe that it is not appropriate to apply for legal aid **We** reserve the right to fund **Your** defence by other means.

What is not insured

Any amount **You** are ordered to pay more than the pre-conviction income based contribution under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme.

Claims: -

- a) Arising from any action brought against **You** under the terms and/ or conditions of or for the breach of the terms and/ or conditions of a Representation Order Under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme
- b) Where **You** do not apply for a Representation Order under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme, unless agreed otherwise by **Us**
- c) Where **You** do not provide information requested under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme
- d) Where **You** do not keep to the terms of the Representation Order
- e) Where **You** do not use an **Adviser** that can act under the terms of a Representation Order under the Crown Court Means Testing scheme unless agreed otherwise by **Us**
- f) Where **You** had a previous insurance policy that will still provide cover for the alleged incident.

1d Crime – Overseas

What is insured: -

Advisers' Costs incurred overseas in providing emergency legal assistance or representing **You** at a police station where **You** are being interviewed, in relation to an alleged criminal act.

2a Disciplinary Hearings – Gross Misconduct

What is insured: -

- a) If **You**, as a police officer or police staff member are being investigated for Gross Misconduct, the **Insurer** will pay for legal advice in appropriate cases, where authorised to do so by the Police Federation Joint Branch Board in consultation with **Us**
- b) **Advisers' Costs** to prepare for and represent **You** as a police officer or police staff member at the Gross Misconduct Hearing or a Police Appeals Tribunal following a disciplinary procedure.

2b Disciplinary Hearings – Appendix 9

What is insured: -

Advisers' Costs to advise and represent **You** as an elected representative of the Police Federation where you are subject to an investigation into **Your** behaviour that may lead to a hearing conducted by the Ethics, Standards and Performance Committee under the provisions of Appendix 9 of the Police Federation rules.

3 IOPC Complaints

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to represent **You** in an investigation by the Independent Office for Police Conduct provided that the investigation occurs when **You** are a police officer or police staff member.

4 Representation at Public Enquiries and Inquests

What is insured: -

- a) **Advisers' Costs** to represent **You** at a public enquiry ordered by the District Auditor
- b) **Advisers' Costs** to represent **You** at an inquest when **You** have been called to appear as a witness and **We** agree that representation is necessary to protect **Your** interests.

What is not insured

Claims to represent **You** at an enquiry or inquest which does not relate to defending **You** in **Your** capacity as a police officer or police support staff.

5 Wrongful Arrest

What is insured

Where **You** allege that **You** have been the victim of wrongful arrest: -

- a) **Advisers' Costs** to undertake an initial assessment of prospects to bring a claim for wrongful arrest; and
- b) **Advisers' Costs** to contact the arresting authority to raise a complaint, where on assessment the **Adviser** considers that a wrongful arrest has occurred.

6 Discrimination

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** following an event which results in civil proceedings being brought against **You** for discrimination at work.

We will also pay any award **You** are ordered to pay by a court or tribunal, to the person who brought the action against **You** up to a maximum of £5,000.

7 Fund Trustees

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** following an event which results in civil proceedings being brought against **You** in respect of any act or omission or alleged act or omission as a trustee of a fund set up by **Your** employer.

8 Personal Injury

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue a **Legal Action** for financial compensation for damages following an incident resulting in personal injury or death against the person or organisation directly responsible.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Arising from illness, personal injury or death which is caused gradually or is not caused by a specific event
- b) Where the damages **You** are claiming are below the small claims track limit
- c) Arising out of **Your** work as a police officer
- d) To defend any **Legal Action** against **You**.

9 Employment Disputes

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue a **Legal Action** against **Your** employer for a breach of **Your** contract of employment.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) For anything arising from or relating to **You** being, or having been, a police officer
- b) To defend any **Legal Action** against **You**
- c) Arising from any dispute which is only about the amount of redundancy pay
- d) For anything to do with subcontracting or a contract for services if **You** are self-employed.

10 Consumer Disputes

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue or defend a **Legal Action** following a breach of a contract **You** have for buying, selling or renting goods or services for **Your** private use including the purchase and sale of **Your** main home.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Where the dispute is to do with a contract **You** entered into before the start of this policy. (This does not apply if **You** had this cover under another insurance policy up to the date this policy started)
- b) Where the amount in dispute is less than £50
- c) Where there is a dispute with an insurer or other financial services supplier arising from the sale or performance of products and services or the amount of money or other compensation due under an insurance policy.

11 Property Disputes

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue or defend a **Legal Action** following the infringement of **Your** legal rights in relation to **Your** main home, or the alleged infringement by **You** of the legal rights of another person in relation to **Your** ownership or occupation of **Your** main home.

What is not insured

Claims arising from divorce or matrimonial matters.

12 Tenancy Dispute

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue a **Legal Action** following **Your** unlawful eviction from a property occupied by **You** under an Assured Shorthold Tenancy. Cover under this section applies to **Your** permanent home, and to any other property occupied by **You** on a temporary basis.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) To do with the non-payment of rent
- b) To defend any **Legal Action** against **You**.

13 Property Damage and Motor Uninsured Loss Recovery

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue a **Legal Action** for financial compensation against a person or organisation that causes physical damage to: -

- a) **Your** main home; or
- b) **Your** personal effects; or
- c) **Your** vehicle resulting in **You** incurring uninsured losses.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Arising out of a contract **You** have with another person or organisation
- b) Where **Your** motor insurers repudiate the motor insurance policy or refuse indemnity
- c) To defend any **Legal Action** against **You**.

14 Tax

What is insured

Advisers' Costs incurred by an Accountant if **You** are subject to an **HM Revenue and Customs Full Enquiry** into **Your** personal Income Tax position.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) For anything to do with allegations of criminal activities by **You**
- b) For anything to do with investigations by HM Revenue and Customs Special Compliance Office or Special Investigations Section
- c) For anything to do with **Your** business activities unless it is about: -
 - i. **Your** wages or salary as an employee; or
 - ii. **Your** letting of a residential property and **You** are letting only one property at any one time
- d) For any appeal following a full enquiry which started before **Your** policy started
- e) For any appeal following a full enquiry if **You** are only being investigated because **You** have been investigated before.

15 Data Protection

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** following an event which results in civil proceedings being brought against **You** as a **Data Controller** over the way **You** have kept or used personal information about another person or organisation.

16 School Admission Disputes

What is insured

Advisers' Costs in a **Legal Action** to appeal against the decision of a Local Education Authority (LEA) arising out of the LEA's failure to conform with its published admission policy, which leads to **Your** child or children being refused entry at the state school of **Your** choice.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Arising where examinations or other selection criteria are part of the acceptance process
- b) Where the process for appealing against the decision to refuse a place at the school has not been adhered to
- c) Where the child has been suspended, expelled or permanently excluded from another school.

17 Probate

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to pursue a **Legal Action** by **You** in respect of a probate dispute involving the will of **Your** deceased parents, grandparents, children, step-children or adopted children where **You** are contesting a will as a named beneficiary or as a member of a class of beneficiaries with an immediate interest.

What is not insured

Claims arising from any dispute or costs where a will has not been previously made or concluded or cannot be traced (Intestate).

18 Personal Identity Fraud

What is insured

Advisers' Costs in a **Legal Action** in respect of **Insured Events** arising from **Identity Fraud**: -

- a) To deal with all organisations that have been fraudulently applied to for credit, goods or services in **Your** name or which are seeking monies or have sought monies from **You** because of **Identity Fraud**
- b) To liaise with credit referencing agencies and all other relevant organisation on **Your** behalf to advise that **You** have been the victim of **Identity Fraud**.
- c) To defend **Your** legal rights and/or take reasonable steps to remove County Court Judgments against **You** that have been obtained by an organisation that **You** are alleged to have purchased, hired or leased goods or services from. Cover is only available if **You** deny having entered in to the contract and allege that **You** have been the victim of **Identity Fraud**.

Please note that You must agree to be added to the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System (CIFAS) Protection Register if **We** recommend it.

What is not insured

Claims: -

- a) Where **You** have not been the victim of **Identity Fraud**
- b) Where **You** have been reckless in failing to protect **Yourself** from **Identity Fraud**, examples include but are not limited to: -
 - i. sharing pin numbers or passwords
 - ii. failing to properly dispose of personal information
- c) Where the **Identity Fraud** has been carried out by somebody living with **You**
- d) For **Advisers' Costs** arising from loss of cash from a bank, building society, credit union or other similar financial institution where that institution has refused to cover the loss
- e) For any losses other than **Advisers' Costs** incurred by **You** because of **Identity Fraud**

19 Motor Insurer Database Disputes

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to represent **You** in a dispute which **You** have with the police or other public agency if a vehicle owned by **You** is seized following a failure in communication between **Your** motor insurance representative and the Motor Insurance Database, which results in incorrect information about **You** or the vehicle being recorded on that database.

20 Social Media Defamation

What is insured

Following defamatory comments made about **You** through a social media website, **Advisers' Costs** to write one letter to the provider of the Social Media website requesting that the comments are removed. Where the authors' identity of the defamatory comments is known, **You** are also covered for **Advisers' Costs** to write one letter to the author requesting that the comments are removed from the social media website.

What is not insured

Claims where **You** are not aged 18 years or over.

21 Vehicle Cloning

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** arising from use of the identity of a vehicle owned by **You** by another person or organisation without **Your** permission.

22 Bankruptcy Assistance

What is insured

Advisers' Costs incurred where filing for bankruptcy is recommended as the most appropriate option by **Our** debt advice specialist and continues to be the most appropriate option, the **Insurer** or the debt advice specialist shall:

1. Pay the fee required for bankruptcy (debtor's petition).
 2. Draft the bankruptcy petition and court documentation.
 3. Arrange and prepare **You** for **Your** attendance at the bankruptcy hearing.
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GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

1. There is no cover: -

- a) Where **You** are entitled to funding for legal assistance from the Police Federation, The Police Superintendents' Association, The Chief Police Officers' Staff Association or any other body that represents police officers, The Police Service, The Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Officer, the Home Office, a trade union, or an employer
- b) Where the alleged criminal offence giving rise to a claim arises from **Your** police duties unless otherwise authorised by the Police Federation Executive, Council or Board
- c) Where **You** have behaved recklessly or deliberately
- d) Where the claim is false or fraudulent
- e) Where an estimate of **Your Advisers' Costs** is more than the amount in dispute
- f) Where **Advisers' Costs** or any other costs and expenses are incurred which have not been agreed in advance or are above those for which **We** have given **Our** prior written approval
- g) For claims over loss or damage where that loss or damage is covered under another insurance
- h) For claims made by or against: -
 - i. **Us**;
 - ii. The **Adviser**;
 - iii. The legal representative nominated by **You** but whose costs are being paid for by **Us**;
 - iv. The insurance intermediary through whom this policy has been arranged;
 - v. The Police Federation that arranged this policy or;
 - vi. The Police Federation of England and Wales, except for claims under section 2b – Disciplinary Hearings – Appendix 9; or
 - vii. The Police Superintendents Association, The Chief Police Officers' Association, or any other body that represents police officers
- i) For the costs of any legal representative other than those of the **Adviser**
- j) Where **You** fail to comply with the Conditions of this insurance
- k) Where **You** should have known when **You** entered this insurance scheme that the circumstances leading to a claim under this insurance already existed.

2. There is no cover for any claim directly or indirectly arising from: -

- a) Constructing buildings or altering their structure unless the work is for the benefit of **Your** main home
- b) A dispute between **You** and someone **You** live with or have lived with other than a claim arising from personal injury following an accident involving a motor vehicle
- c) Any **Insured Event** intentionally brought about by **You** or any prosecution deliberately solicited by **You**
- d) A lease or licence to use property or land other than under the Tenancy Dispute section of cover
- e) A venture for gain by **You** or **Your** business partners other than claims under Employment Disputes
- f) An application for a judicial review
- g) Works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority
- h) Ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste arising from burning nuclear fuel; or
- i) The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of any nuclear equipment or nuclear part of that equipment
- j) War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power
- k) Subsidence meaning downward movement of the ground beneath buildings where the movement is unconnected with the weight of the building
- l) Heave meaning the upward or sideways movement of the site on which buildings are situated caused by swelling of the ground
- m) Land slip meaning downward movement of sloping ground
- n) Mining or quarrying.

CONDITIONS

1. Cancellation

This insurance is included as part of a package of cover which is provided by **Your** Police Federation. If **You** would like to cancel **Your** membership of the Group Insurance Scheme please contact **Your** Police Federation.

We may cancel the insurance by giving fourteen days' notice in writing to **You** via **Your** Police Federation.

We will only invoke this right in exceptional circumstances because of **You** behaving inappropriately, for example: -

- a) Where **We** have a reasonable suspicion of fraud
- b) **You** use threatening or abusive behaviour or language or intimidation or bullying towards **Our** staff or suppliers
- c) Where it is found that **You**, deliberately or recklessly, disclosed false information or failed to disclose important information.

2. Claims: -

- a) **You** must notify claims as soon as possible once **You** become aware of the **Insured Event** and within the **Period of Insurance**. There will be no cover under this policy if, because of a delay in reporting the claim, **Our** position is prejudiced (see "How to Make a Claim" below). **We** may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the **Legal Action** in **Your** name. Subject to **Your** consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld **We** may reach a settlement of the **Legal Action**
- b) **You** must supply at **Your** own expense all of the information which **We** reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. If court proceedings are issued or a **Conflict of Interest** arises, and **You** wish to nominate an **Adviser** to act for **You**, **You** may do so. Where **You** have elected to use an **Adviser** of **Your** own choice **You** will be responsible for any **Advisers' Costs** more than **Our Standard Advisers' Costs**. The **Adviser** must represent **You** in accordance with **Our** standard conditions of appointment available on request
- c) The **Adviser** will: -
 - i) Provide a detailed view of **Your** prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgment obtained
 - ii) Keep **Us** fully advised of all developments and provide such information as **We** may require
 - iii) Keep **Us** advised of **Advisers' Costs** incurred
 - iv) Advise **Us** of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If against **Our** advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for **Advisers' Costs** unless **We** agree in **Our** absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed
 - v) Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by **Us**
 - vi) Attempt recovery of costs from third parties
- d) In the event of a dispute arising as to **Advisers' Costs** **We** may require **You** to change **Adviser**
- e) The **Insurer** shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by **Us** in writing and undertaken while there are prospects of success
- f) **You** shall supply all information requested by the **Adviser** and **Us**
- g) **You** are responsible for any **Advisers' Costs** if **You** withdraw from the **Legal Action** without **Our** prior consent. Any costs already paid under this insurance will be reimbursed by **You**
- h) **You** must instruct the **Adviser** to provide **Us** with all information that **We** ask for and report to **Us** as **We** direct at their own cost.
- i) If, after receiving **Your** claim, or whilst it is ongoing, **We** find that **You** have ceased paying the relevant subscription to benefit from this insurance, **We** may not continue to support **Your** claim and will tell **You** why in writing.

3. Disputes

If a complaint cannot be dealt with by the Financial Ombudsman Service (see 'How to Make a Claim'), any dispute between **You** and **Us** may, where we both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the Arbitration Act. Whoever loses the arbitration must pay all the costs involved. If the decision is not clearly made against either **You** or **Us** the arbitrator will decide how the costs are shared.

4. Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **We** may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are: -

- a) Being able to recover the amount of money at stake
- b) Being able to enforce a judgement
- c) Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves **Your** interests.
- d) Avoiding dismissal as a result of a Gross Misconduct process

If **You** obtain an opinion from a solicitor or barrister appointed by **You** who believes that **Your** case has reasonable prospects as defined in Condition 4 above and the **Adviser** appointed by **Us** does not agree with that opinion, **We** will appoint an independent barrister to assess the case. If the barrister's view supports **Our** opinion, then **We** will decline to provide any further support. If the barrister's view supports **Your** opinion, then **We** will accept the claim subject to all other terms and conditions of the policy. The costs of the barrister's assessment will be met by **Us**.

5. Proportionality

We will only pay **Advisers' Costs** that are proportionate to the amount of damages that **You** are claiming in the **Legal Action**. **Advisers' Costs** more than the amount of damages that **You** can claim from **Your** opponent will not be covered.

6. Other Insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another legal expenses policy or would have been covered if this policy did not exist, **We** will only pay **Our** share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.

7. English Law and Language

This contract is governed by English Law and the language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

8. Change in Law

Cover under this policy is based on laws and regulations in force at the time that it was written. If **We** believe that any subsequent change in law or regulations results in the scope of cover being either restricted or broadened, **We** reserve the right to accept claims where the change restricts the cover under this policy and reject claims where the change provides a benefit which did not previously exist.

9. Disclosure

If **You** fail to disclose relevant information or **You** disclose false information in relation to this policy, **We**, or the broker, may: -

- a) Cancel the contract and keep the premiums if the **Disclosure Breach** is deliberate or reckless
- b) Cancel the contract but return the premiums proportionately if this contract would not have been entered into had the **Disclosure Breach** been known
- c) Amend the terms of the contract accordingly if the contract would have been entered into on different terms had the **Disclosure Breach** been known
- d) Proportionately reduce the amount **You** are entitled to in the event of a successful claim if a higher premium would have been charged had the **Disclosure Breach** been known.

10. Fraud

In the event of fraud, **We**: -

- a) Will not be liable to pay the fraudulent claim
 - b) May recover any sums paid to **You** in respect of the fraudulent claim
 - c) Will no longer be liable to **You** in any regard after the fraudulent act.
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HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

As soon as **You** have a legal problem that **You** may require assistance with under this insurance **You** should do either of the following: -

- a) For Crime & Discipline Matters, contact **Your** Federation representative,
- b) For All Other Matters, please telephone the Legal Helpline on **020 3103 6879**.
- c) Go to: <https://www.addeptgroup.co.uk/olp-claims-portal> to complete an on-line claim form

The claim must be submitted to **Us** promptly with all relevant information. All claims must be notified to **Us** within six months of the **Insured Event** and in the **Period of Insurance**.

If **You** are in doubt whether a matter constitutes a notifiable claim or circumstance, contact your police federation representative or the Legal Helpline on **020 3103 6879**.

PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

(For the purpose of this Privacy and Data Protection Notice only, 'We' means Adept Insurance Services Ltd and the Insurer)

1. Data Protection

Adept Insurance Services Ltd and the Insurer are committed to protecting and respecting Your privacy in accordance with the current Data Protection Legislation ("Legislation"). Below is a summary of the main ways in which We process Your personal data. For more information, please visit www.addeptgroup.co.uk and www.irwell.co.uk.

2. How We Use Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

We may use the personal data We hold about You for the purposes of providing insurance, handling claims and any other related purposes (this may include underwriting decisions made via automated means), research or statistical purposes. We will also use Your data to safeguard against fraud and money laundering and to meet Our general legal or regulatory obligations.

3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some personal information, such as information relating to health, or criminal convictions, may be required by Us for the specific purposes of underwriting or as part of the claims handling process. The provision of such data is conditional for Us to be able to provide insurance or manage a claim. Such data will only be used for the specific purposes set out in Our notice.

4. Disclosure of Your Personal Data

We may disclose Your personal data to third parties involved in providing products or services to Us, or to service providers who perform services on Our behalf. These may include, where necessary, affinity partners, brokers, agents, third party administrators, reinsurers, other insurance intermediaries, insurance reference bureaus, credit agencies, medical service providers, fraud detection agencies, loss adjusters, external law firms, external auditors and accountants, regulatory authorities, and as may be required by law.

5. International Transfers of Data

The personal data that We collect from You may be transferred to, processed and stored at, a destination outside the UK and European Economic Area ("EEA"). Where We transfer Your personal data outside of the UK and EEA, We will take all steps necessary to ensure that it is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy notice and the Legislation.

6. Your Rights

You have the right to ask Us not to process Your data for marketing purposes, to see a copy of the personal information We hold about You, to have Your data deleted (subject to certain exemptions), to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, to ask Us to provide a copy of Your data to any controller and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority.

7. Retention

Your data will not be retained for longer than is necessary, and will be managed in accordance with Our data retention policy. In most cases the retention period will be for a period of seven (7) years following the expiry of the insurance contract, or our business relationship with You, unless We are required to retain the data for a longer period due to business, legal or regulatory requirements.

If **You** have any questions concerning **Our** use of **Your** personal data, please contact: -

The Data Protection Officer, -
Irwell Insurance Company Limited
2 Cheetham Hill Road
Manchester
M4 4FB
Email: data.protection@irwell.co.uk
Telephone: 0344 892 0118

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our aim is to get it right, first time, every time. If **We** make a mistake, **We** will try to put it right straightaway.

If **You** are unhappy with the service that has been provided, **You** should contact **Us** at the address below. **We** will always confirm to **You**, within five working days, that **We** have received **Your** complaint. Within four weeks **You** will receive either a final response or an explanation of why the complaint has not been resolved yet plus an indication of when **You** will receive a final response. Within eight weeks **You** will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when **You** will receive a final response. After eight weeks, if **You** are unhappy with the delay, **You** may refer **Your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. **You** can also refer to the Financial Ombudsman Service if **You** cannot settle **Your** complaint with **Us** or before **We** have investigated the complaint if both parties agree.

Our contact details are: -

Addept Insurance Services Ltd
Level 30, The Leadenhall Building
122 Leadenhall Street
London, EC3V 4AB
Tel: 020 4570 6102
Email: customerservice@addeptgroup.co.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service contact details are: -

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower
London, E14 9SR
Tel: 08000 234 567
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

COMPENSATION

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If **We** fail to carry out **Our** responsibilities under this policy, **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Information about the scheme is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by phone on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100.

AUTHORISATION

Addept Insurance Services Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Firm Reference Number is 586471. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

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