

MARK HENDERSON



I received a complete SCI in an accident in August 2018 and am T11 paraplegic. I also have a severe hearing loss from a skull fracture. I joined SIA whilst at Stanmore LSCIC having been inspired by their peer support service and by the work of the other spinal charities.

I am a self-employed barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, where my work includes media law, public law, political cases, community care, and acting for survivors and bereaved in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, where disability housing issues arise in their most acute form. Returning to work involves dealing with all the complications that come with living with SCI. I am the first SCI person and wheelchair user at my workplace and have found that accessibility and access are being worked out from scratch. My skull fracture/ hearing loss gives me experience of how additional disabilities affect rehabilitation and life with SCI. I am also becoming involved in disabled LGBTQ+ issues.

Being newly injured, Mark has current experience of the problems with NHS and local authority rehabilitation and housing services post-discharge. Although new to SCI campaigning, he is motivated by what he has experienced and seen as a newly injured person.