

## Our Trusted Partners:

We believe that every SCI person has the right to live a life of their choosing - with the same opportunities as everyone else, regardless of their circumstances. Achieving our vision means expanding our association into a thriving network of support, with a group of committed members and Trusted Partners who truly believe in that vision too.

Our ambition is that every SCI person in the UK, with their diverse range of motivations, needs and challenges, can be reached by the best people and the best organizations, to get the support they need, when they need it.

To achieve that ambition, and serve both the immediate and life-long needs of people affected by spinal cord injury, we are building a support network of trusted partners, members, charities and experts in spinal cord injury, to offer their services, and support to anyone who needs it.

Our approach is based on collaboration, empowerment, and a truly individual, user-focused approach, to give each and every SCI person the access and means to build their own network of support, that can develop and grow throughout their life post-injury.

Our Trusted Partners have all been chosen to help provide expertise and advice to help SCI people get the best possible outcomes after injury, and we know that with their support, we can help break down worrying, complicated issues into something that is relatable, and makes sense.

All of our Trusted Partners have met strict criteria set of them by SIA, and we are confident that they are some of the most qualified, experienced professionals out there, to help you through the tough circumstances that arise for many SCI people post injury.

We trust that they are amongst the best possible sources of information and advice out there for SCI people, and - most importantly - all our trusted values are committed to our values as a charity.

Where relevant, we make sure that all our partners are accredited by governing bodies and external authorities within their respective industries (such as the Solicitors Regulatory Authority, Financial Conduct Authority, or Care Quality Commission), and we seek advice from third parties in those fields before entering into any new partnerships.

All of our partners will be happy to offer free consultations for our members - with no obligation at all to engage them – and some may also offer pro-bono support, or can aid you further by signposting you to other sources of support (such as putting you in touch with other charities they work with, or the Citizens Advice Bureau)

For further information about how to contact our trusted legal partners in your region, speak to your local Support Network team, visit our website here:

<https://www.spinal.co.uk/support-network-officers/> or call our support line on 0800 980 0501.

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