



## Free hearing advice offers compensation hope to former Lancashire munitions and mill workers

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Workers whose hearing has suffered due to noisy conditions in Lancashire factories could be in line for compensation.

Hundreds of North West workers have sought help from industrial compensation experts, Attwood Solicitors.

Now a campaign has been launched to raise awareness of industrial hearing loss in the Blackburn and Chorley areas.

Drawing on the experience of campaigns in other towns and cities, Attwood Solicitors believe workers at Chorley's former Royal Ordnance factory together with employees from Lancashire's cotton mills may have suffered hearing issues such as Tinnitus.

Principal Solicitor Ashley Attwood said: “Often people who have experienced hearing loss while working in extremely noisy environments have simply put up with it.

“But we have been able to help workers throughout the North West from the Barrow-in-Furness shipyards to truckmakers in South Cheshire to get the compensation they deserve.”

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“Evidence from our clients demonstrates that workers in heavy industry often operated in extremely noisy conditions without any hearing protection,” added Mr Attwood.

In one recent case a Cheshire plater welder received £12,000 in compensation after making a claim through Attwood Solicitors.

More than 200 Cumbrian shipworkers have sought help following a hearing campaign in Barrow.

The Royal Ordnance Factory at Chorley was built in the 1930s and became known for producing the bouncing bombs of “Dambusters” fame during World War Two.

It was eventually taken over by BAE before closing in 2007. A housing development known as Buckshaw Village now occupies part of the site.

Solicitors across the UK deal with thousands of hearing loss cases each year, yet many people who are entitled to help never make a claim.

Mr Attwood stressed that people can still get help even if the problem occurred several years ago.

“We are currently handling cases from the 1960s onwards,” he said. “The damage may have been caused many years ago and the claimant may have retired but they are still entitled to seek help.

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