One in ten GP consultations with adults may concern work-related health problem and 5% of consultations with adults of working age are attributable to occupational stress according to recent Health and Safety Executive research.

Occupational health advice is available to all patients in primary care. The main reasons for GP referrals are:

**Work-related stress**
Advice is directed to finding practical solutions to stress problems at work.

**Musculoskeletal disorders**
Advice on ergonomics (including work station redesign), and manual handling legislation.

**Disabilities at work**
Advice on job adaptations, disability discrimination legislation.

**Occupational lung disorders**
Investigations of possible occupational causes of all kinds of lung disease, and advice on control of dust and fumes at work. Advice on benefits and employers’ liability.

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**Occupational health referrals: who, what and where**
SOHAS occupational health advisers can be contacted via our city centre office number (2755760) or at practices in three of the four Sheffield PCTs.

**North PCT**
Centres: Buchanan Road Surgery (Thursday)
Burngreave Surgery (Friday)

**West PCT**
Contact one of the centres or SOHAS office on 275 5760.

**South-East PCT**
Centres: Darnall Health Centre/Darnall Community Health (Wednesday/Friday)

**South West**
Contact one of the centres or SOHAS office on 275 5760.
The WORKPLACE HEALTH PROGRAMME is funded until April 2002 by Sheffield Health Action Zone. Occupational health advice in primary care forms part of the government's occupational health strategy, Securing Health Together. Continuation of local and national funding to SOHAS is currently being negotiated.

Specialists with occupational health interests include

Occupational Lung Disorders  
Dr David Fishwick, RHH

Occupational skin problems  
Dr David Gawkrodger, RHH

Neurological problems (motor)  
Dr Gibson, RHH

Occupational hearing loss  
ENT consultants, RHH

Occupational rhinitis  
Andrew Parker, RHH

Appointed doctors under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 1987 at September 2001.  
Appointed doctors carry out statutory medical examinations on asbestos-exposed workers which must be within two years preceding start of work with asbestos and at intervals of two years or less afterwards.  
Drs Anderson, Brennan, and Hutchcroft at NGH (242 0300), Dr Armstrong (249 9898), Dr McKenzie (266 2112), Dr Moran (256 0408).

Trade unions (See also under Trade Unions in the Yellow Pages)

GMB Union, 188-190 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 1SY 272 2359
UNISON, 5 Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2LO 273 6307
Union of Construction Allied Trade Technicians, 600 Earl Marshall Road, 261 9969
Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, Unit 6, Acorn Business Park, Killingbeck Drive, Leeds LS14 6UG 0113 2026000

Personal injury solicitors

Solicitors specialising in personal injury compensation are generally members of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. A list of Sheffield APIL members is available from SOHAS

Benefits advice

Advice centres are listed on a regularly updated card produced by Sheffield Advice Centres Group, Highfield House, 20 St Barnabas Road, Sheffield S2 4TG Tel: 273 5145

Disablement Benefit (Industrial Injuries Schemes) claim forms can be obtained from the Benefits Agency in Castleford (08457 585433)