



As many people will have seen, the supreme court ruled in January that a small number of insurers business interruption insurance wordings should indemnify their policyholders for losses caused by having to close their business due to COVID19. One of our local insurance brokers has offered help to any local business who feels they may have been refused a claim incorrectly.

This is from Tony Rollins, Group CEO of West Pennine Insurance Group and Atlantic & Pacific Insurance Group:

Many business owners are now questioning their own insurance policies wordings and in many cases insurance claims have been made against insurers, and then insurers have refused to deal with the claim. I have been working with a group of solicitors who are having some level of success in building cases against other insurers outside of the supreme court ruling to make them pay claims out if the wording is wide enough to cover COVID19.

I know how badly some businesses have suffered especially in the hospitality sector and beauty etc. Accordingly, I have agreed with our panel solicitors that if any local business believe they have business interruption insurance and if that meets the required standard to fight a claim against insurers - our solicitors will work on a success based agreement, so if they don't win and get the claim paid then the business will not have to pay anything.

To help local businesses who have been forced to close during COVID19 I am prepared to check over any businesses insurance policies in the first instance to see if they do have the required cover and identify if they do have possible grounds for a claim. I will not charge for this service, I just want to help local businesses who really do need the guidance and hopefully help them get any money due from their insurers.

My email is tony@westpennine.co.uk

I welcome any businesses who think they have the cover and have been forced to close by COVID causing financial loss to get in touch and I will check their policy.

Regards

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