

At Novum Law, we are passionate about helping and supporting people and their families who have been affected by asbestos. Over the last few years, we've seen a significant rise in the numbers of women with mesothelioma contacting us for help.

Since the early 1990s, the number of women being diagnosed with mesothelioma has nearly doubled. From teachers, nurses, bank clerks, shop assistants, hairdressers, office workers to council tenants, more and more women are coming forward after being diagnosed with mesothelioma. Many of them have told us their diagnosis came as a complete shock. They had no idea they had been exposed to asbestos - either as they go about their working lives or in or around their homes. We believe more needs to be done to raise awareness of the growing numbers of women being diagnosed with mesothelioma.

So we were thrilled when the inspirational Mavis Nye, who needs no introduction, joined forces with us to bang the drum for greater understanding about women, asbestos and their mesothelioma experiences.

We'd like to say a big, heartfelt thank you to Mavis for her amazing support with our campaign.

Andrew Stinchcombe, Director and specialist asbestos disease solicitor at Novum Law



Mesothelioma campaigner and meso warrior Mavis Nye says:

“ I want to shine a light on women’s mesothelioma and raise awareness that this is not just a disease that affects old men - it affects people of all ages, regardless of gender, race, class or culture. For far too long, this devastating cancer has been associated with men and male-dominated industries - but that view is outdated and isn’t the case anymore. It’s vital there’s more understanding about mesothelioma and how women can be affected by asbestos exposure with or without direct contact. ”

Hear more from Mavis in a video she recorded with Rebecca Ryan: vimeo.com/518689719

MESOTHELIOMA AND WOMEN IN NUMBERS

Andrew Stinchcombe says:

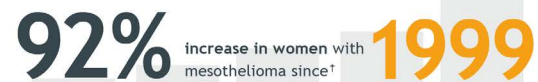
“Over 20 years after asbestos use was banned, mesothelioma continues to leave a trail of devastation across the UK. It is cutting men and women’s lives short and causing untold heartache.

We need to try and overcome the bias towards linking mesothelioma to men. Our advice to women is to get in touch with their GP if they have any troubling symptoms. And, if you think there’s a possibility you’ve been exposed to asbestos in the past, ask your doctor - ‘could it be mesothelioma?’

I’d also urge any women diagnosed with mesothelioma, to speak to a specialist solicitor experienced in women’s mesothelioma compensation claims. Even if you have no idea how you’ve been exposed to asbestos, an expert solicitor can investigate your past and identify where you may have been in contact with the deadly material.”



WOMEN: The changing faces of asbestos
Mesothelioma in women is sadly on the rise.



Sources: †British Safety Council
**All Party Parliamentary Group
‡Mesothelioma UK (GEMS report)
‡Cancer Research UK

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