

**Press Release**

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## **Argent announces further UK expansion**

Argent Liability Adjusters is continuing its strategy of UK growth, today announcing the opening of its 9<sup>th</sup> UK office, in Newcastle, in a move that will boost the adjuster's physical presence in the North of England. The Newcastle office opens for business on 12<sup>th</sup> July, with the recruitment of two senior adjusters. Argent, which is part of the Parabis group, is enjoying a period a sustained growth, having recently moved to larger premises in Leeds, in addition to appointing market-leading adjuster Rowena Byrne-Jones earlier in the year, to enhance its capability in the Major & Complex Loss market.

Joining the new Newcastle office are Keith Donnelly and Phil Tate. Both Keith and Phil join Argent from Garwyn and bring with them significant expertise across the full range of liability claims handling, including fatal accidents, paraplegia and significant brain injury cases. Additionally, they have extensive experience in relation to deafness, VWF, asbestosis and work related stress claims.

Keith previously held the position of Regional Manager at Garwyn covering their branches in Durham, Chester and Harrogate. Phil was Assistant Manager in Durham. They make a strong addition to the existing Argent team bringing in excess of 20-years' experience with them. Their client portfolio covers retail and heavy industry, local and London Insurance markets including Lloyd's Syndicates and composite insurers. The office will also provide a North East base for Kevin Foakes, formerly Regional Operations Director at Garwyn, who joined Argent last October.

Commenting on the appointments, Managing Director Neil Ventris said:

"I am delighted to welcome another two significant industry figures to the Argent team. Their appointments affirm that Argent is one of the leading specialist adjusting firms in the UK, attracting the industry's top talent. Their extensive experience, not only within

the specialist adjusting arena but also of working closely with clients in the region, will assist us in further enhancing our service offering and nationwide presence. The regional markets are central to our nationwide strategy and as a result of this, our tactical growth and recruitment continues to pay dividends, both in terms of client service and commercial success.”

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**Notes to Editors:**

Argent Liability Adjusters ([www.argentadjusters.co.uk](http://www.argentadjusters.co.uk)) is a specialist liability claims handling firm focused on providing first class technical and negotiating skills to a wide range of corporate and insurance industry clients including Lloyd’s and London Market, specialist Underwriters and composite Insurers.

Unique in the market, Argent is the only remaining independently owned specialist adjusting firm providing high quality technical expertise across a range of disciplines including:

- Employers’ Liability
- Public Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Professional Indemnity
- Major & Complex Loss
- Product Liability and Product Recall

Argent is the benchmark for market leading service with a core strategy based on precision and quality service delivered through highly experienced, highly qualified professionals.

With a network of offices across the UK Argent deliver a genuinely national service and consistently fast response times.

Argent Liability Adjusters is part of the Parabis Group ([www.parabisgroup.co.uk](http://www.parabisgroup.co.uk)), an innovative legal and professional service organisation.