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## PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE

**Employment Tribunal awards  
for injury to feelings and psychiatric injury following  
*De Souza v Vinci Construction (UK) Ltd* [2017] EWCA Civ 879**

### **FIRST ADDENDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2017**

1. This Addendum updates, but does not otherwise replace, the Presidential Guidance originally issued on 5 September 2017, which remains relevant to claims presented before 6 April 2018. It takes into account changes in the RPI All Items Index released on 20 March 2018.<sup>1</sup>
2. In respect of claims presented on or after 6 April 2018, the Vento bands shall be as follows: a **lower band of £900 to £8,600** (less serious cases); a **middle band of £8,600 to £25,700** (cases that do not merit an award in the upper band); and an **upper band of £25,700 to £42,900** (the most serious cases), with the most **exceptional cases capable of exceeding £42,900**.
3. In respect of claims presented in Scotland, the bands remain subject to paragraph 12 of the Presidential Guidance issued on 5 September 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> The Presidents remain aware of the shortcomings of the Retail Prices Index as a measure of inflation. They will consider at the relevant time any future change to the appropriate index of inflation that might be adopted in the Judicial College *Guidelines for the Assessment of General Damages in Personal Injury Cases* and/or by section 34 of the Employment Relations Act 1999. See: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/articles/shortcomingssoftheretailpricesindexasameasureofinflation/2018-03-08>.



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