



IP for the Gig Economy: What we have learnt 5000 claims later

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Agenda

Changing workplace and need LV= Personal Sick Pay PSP – the early days The Future

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An unmet need

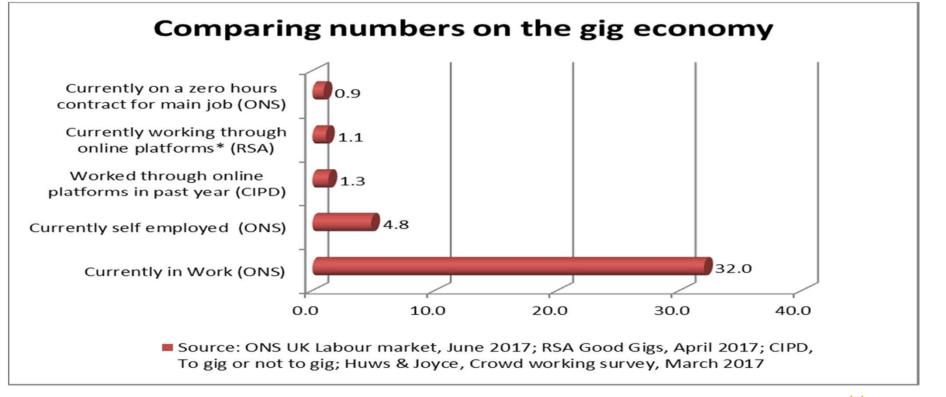


Income Protection

- IP is the one insurance every working person should have... but doesn't
- IP works when you can't
- Financial safety net and rehabilitation support
- Gaining recognition & traction

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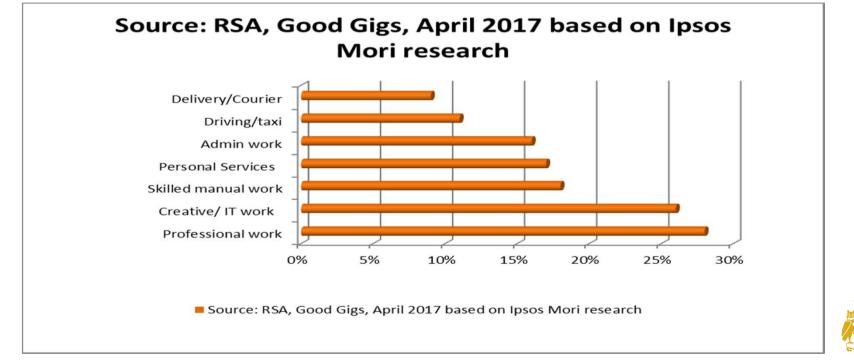
Changing Labour Market



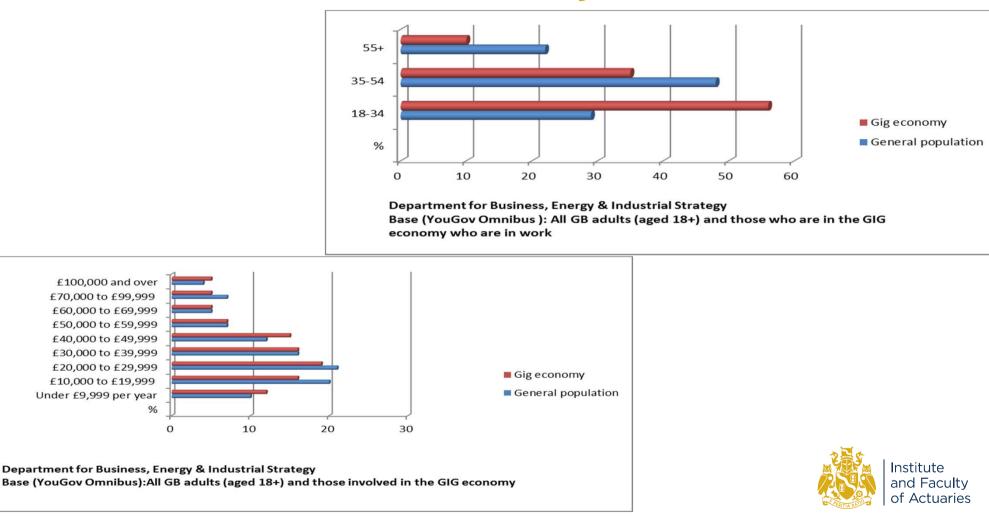


What is the GIG economy?

- Flexible work, where people are offered piece-work through a website or app
 - running errands (<u>TaskRabbit</u>) giving lifts (<u>Uber</u>) or delivery services (<u>Deliveroo</u> or <u>Hermes</u>)
- Can be low paid but includes people providing services who are freelancers or one person businesses



Characteristics of the GIG economy

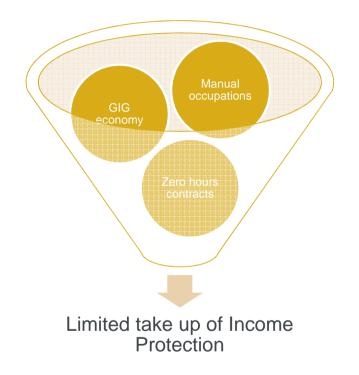


Income Protection Landscape

- Income Protection targeted at people with stable /predictable income streams
- Complex products with bells and whistles
- Expensive for manual occupations
- Difficult for people with variable incomes to buy and claim, due to the need to demonstrate earnings
- Benefits didn't match customer's need for cover for short term sickness, as well as longer term.



Customer need



Only smaller friendly societies had products that catered to some extent for these groups





The Solution

LV= Personal Sick Pay



LV= Personal Sick Pay

Benefits

- The best definition of sickness: own occupation
- A 'back to day one' option for customers without an adequate safety net
- Includes the Personal Sick Pay £1,000 guarantee, providing normally work 30 hours a week
- Can insure up to 60% of income with no deductions for state benefits
- Budget version available
- Option for weekly claim payments
- Price
 - The price is based on age attained
 - Same price regardless of job or smoker status

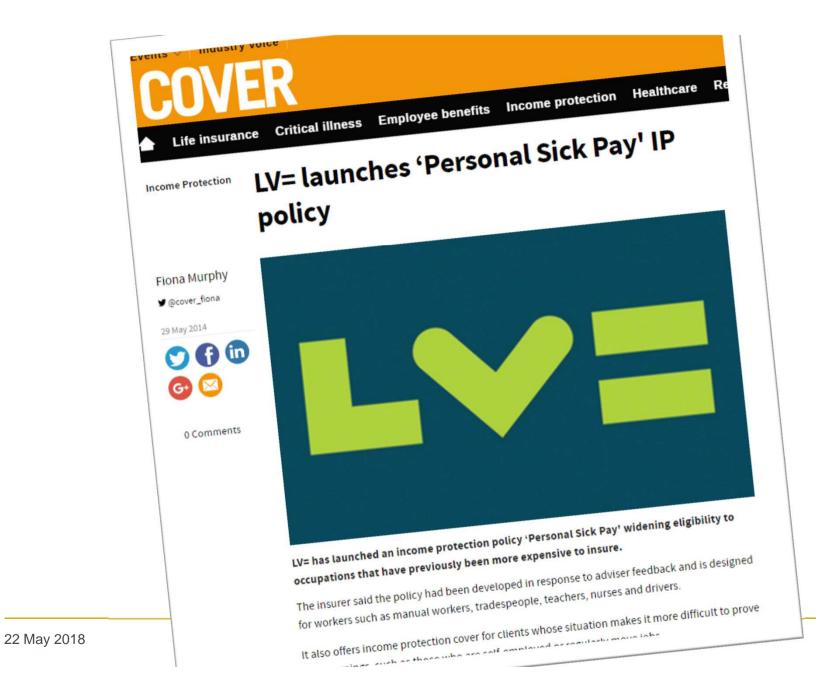






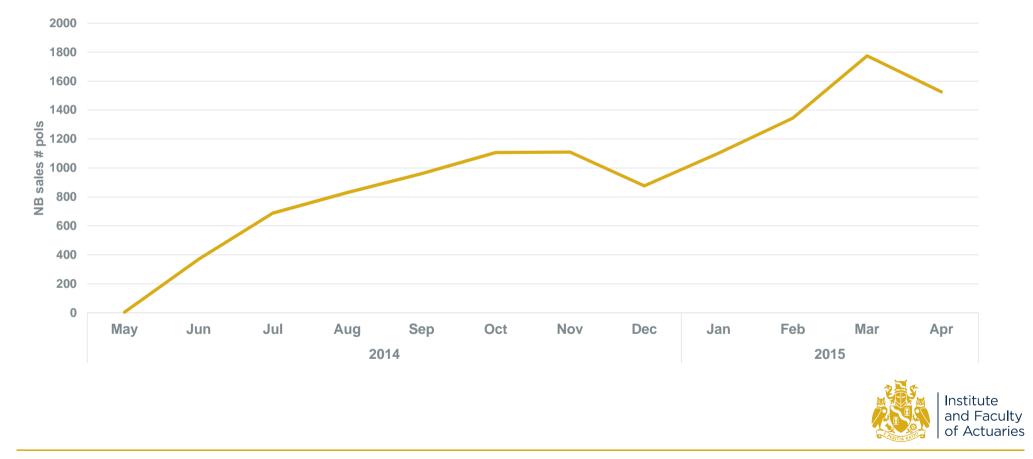
PSP was an instant success



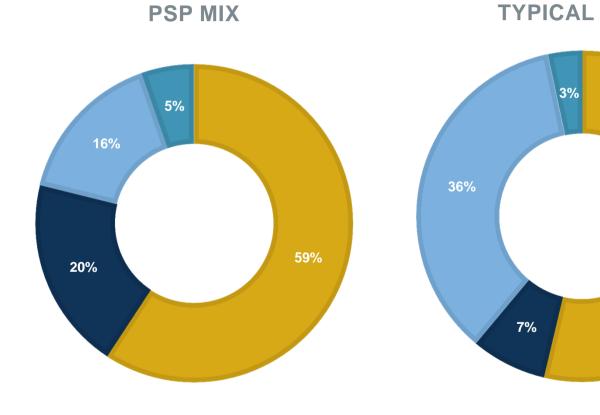




Initial Policy Sales



Initial Mix - Gender



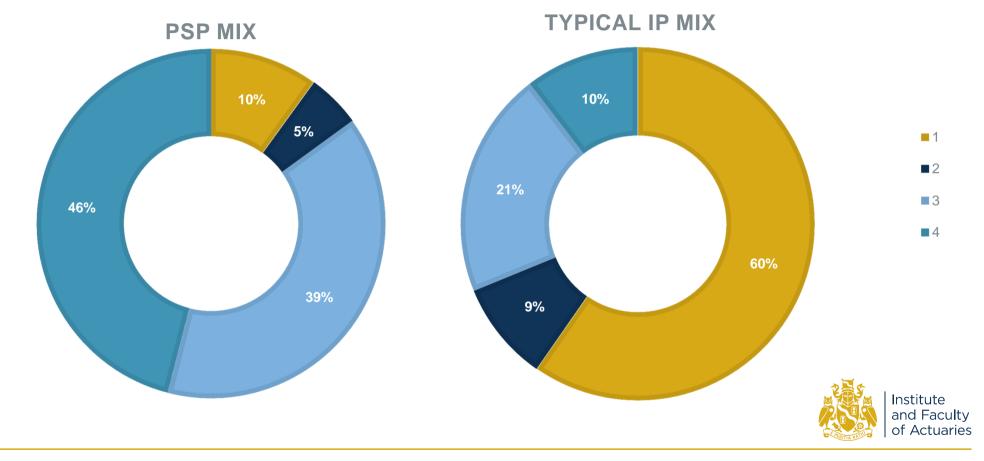


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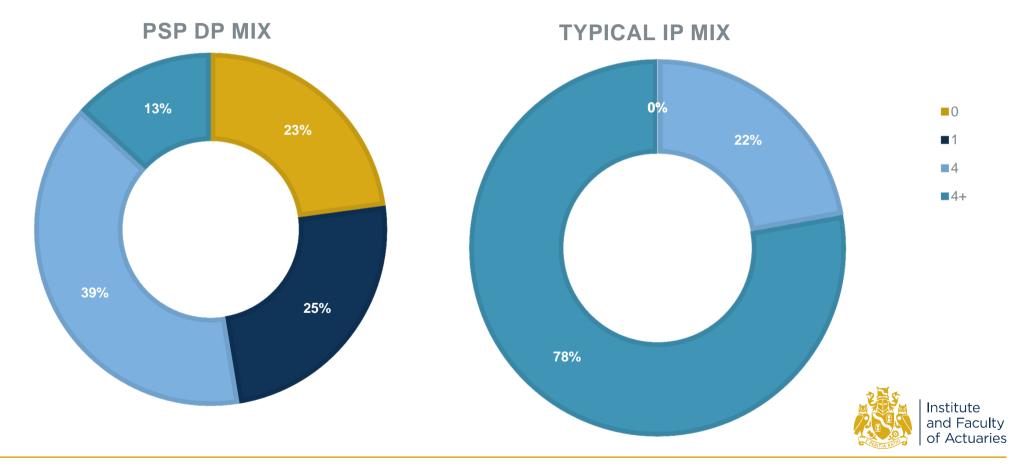




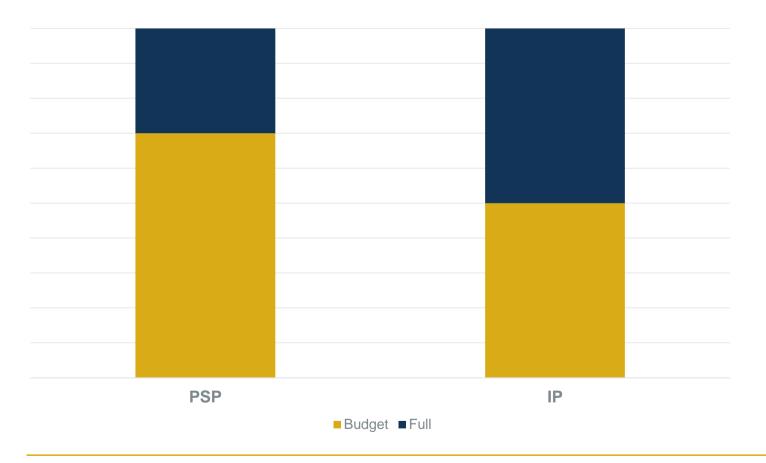
Initial Mix - Occupation



Initial Mix - Deferred Period



Initial Mix – Payment Period







The challenges of being first

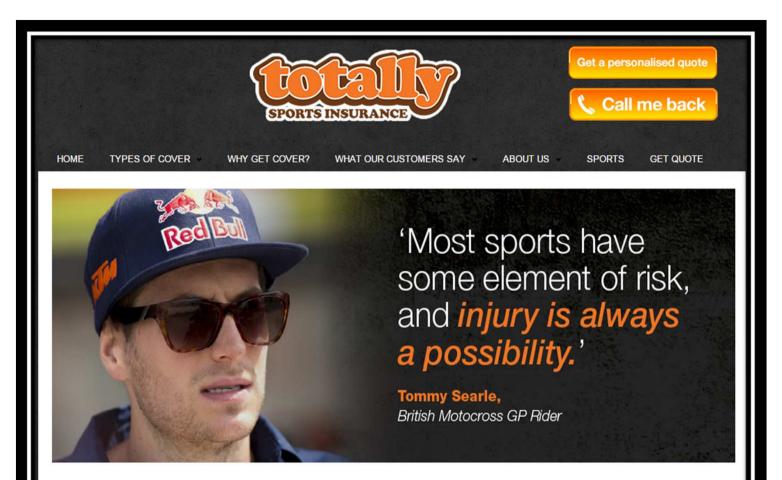
Some cautionary tales



PSP was the first mainstream manual occ product

- Manual occupation products had been the mainstay of smaller friendly societies
- Opening this market up revealed significant differences to the traditional IP market





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Paying you an income in the event of accident or sickness regardless of health, occupation, smoker status or pre-existing conditions Sales approach and focus was different to traditional brokers

No Proof of Earnings Plans Available Income Protection Paying up to £1,000+ Per Week

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- Hospitalisation Benefit
- Serious Injury Benefit
- Accidental Death
- Fracture Lump Sums
- Choice of Deferment Periods Including Day 1 Cover
- No Limit on Number of Claims
- Benefits Payable Up to Retirement
- Sickness Cover Included At No Extra Cost





Have you ever considered the impact an injury could have on your life ?

How would you pay your bills ?

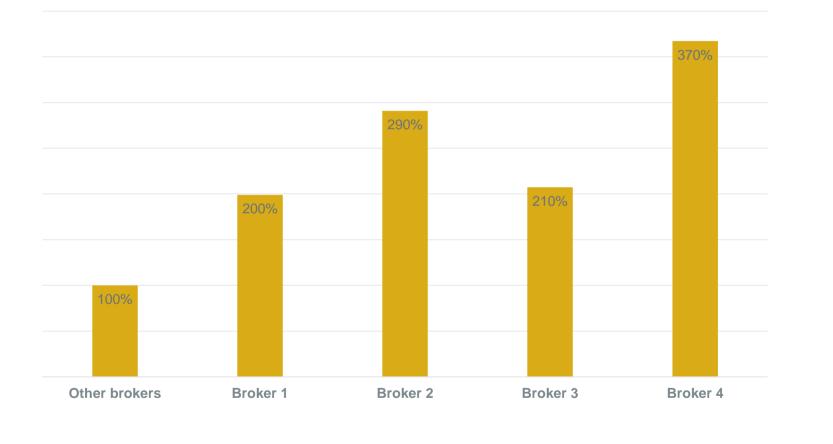
Did You Know ? The 3 Most common Sports Injuries Are :

Head Injury Back Injury Knee Injury



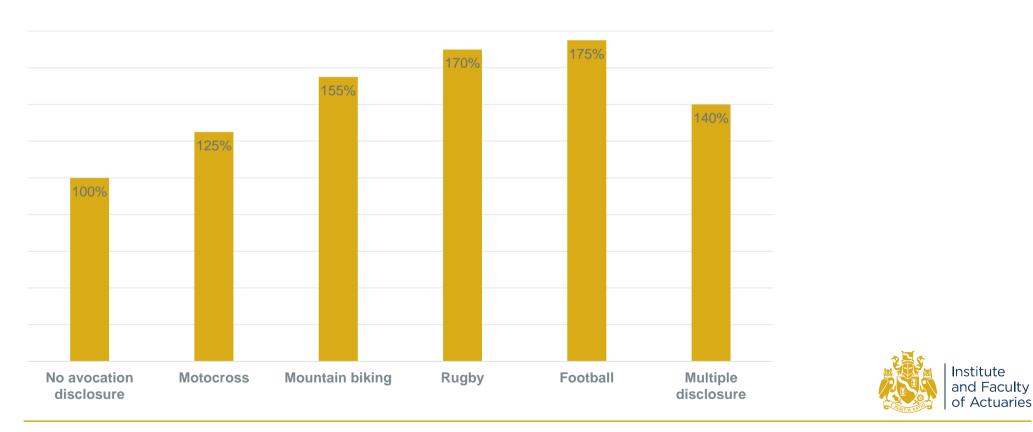


Broker experience was variable

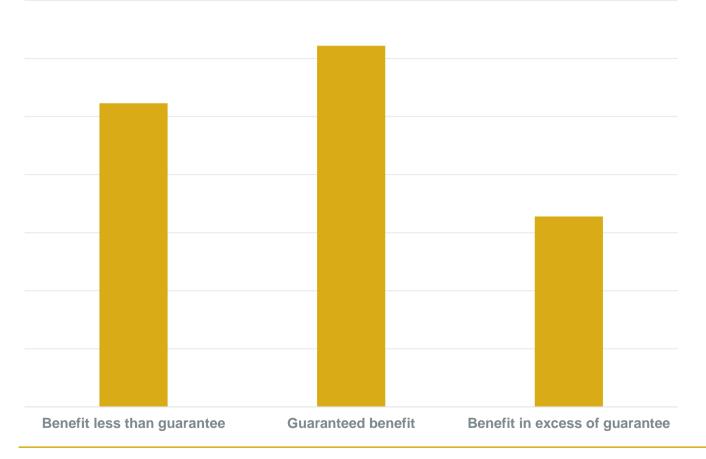




Avocations were a significant indicator of experience



Benefit design influenced claims experience



Experience at monthly benefit of £1000 was significantly worse that other sums assured



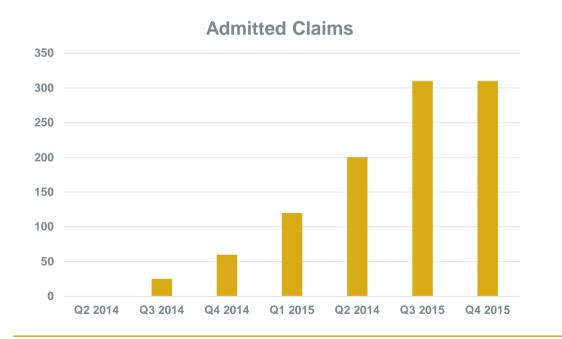


Practical challenges



Claims handling

- PSP sold significantly better than expected
 - Claim volumes were therefore also higher than expected







Claims handling

- Given the different profile of customer, our claimants were also different
- Significant material non-disclosure was found
- Hours worked was in fact difficult for claimants to prove
- New claims procedures were developed to improve customer experiences and manage risk in the portfolio





The Future

Potential and risks for the product



Emerging Risk – Universal Credit

Any Individual IP benefits a person receives when making an Individual IP claim will reduce their UC entitlement £1 for £1



Emerging Risk – Universal Credit



Prospects of UC penalty becoming reality

We do not know:

- if, or when, someone will make an IIP claim
- the nature, severity and duration of their incapacity
- what their household circumstances will be at that point
- what Universal Credit rules and amounts will be in place.



The shortcomings of state benefits

- rules are being tightened and amounts reduced or withdrawn
- only provide 'basic' support
- can involve lengthy application processes, with high bars for qualification (and reassessment)
- welfare benefits stigma.



What's coming over the hill

Income Protection

- Benefits are linked to income and circumstances
- Certainty of contract and benefits
- Own occupation definition
- 9 out of 10 claims paid
- Added value services during contract and at claim.





- A negative message for IP
- Doing the right thing & the spectre of penalty
- Potential for significant overlap and Irrational behaviour
- Less resilient, more on benefit & toxic tarnish



The need for IP is growing

- The workplace is changing, there are nearly £5m self employed and about another £2m with zero hours contracts or in the gig economy
- The support from the state is increasingly limited and is becoming more and more uncertain
- PSP has confirmed that there is an awareness and an appetite for this type of product
- Launching a new product into a new market was always going to be challenging.
- Monitoring and adjusting design and processes have ensured success for both the customer and the company.





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