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**Terms and Conditions for Medico-legal and Negligence Reports**

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Whenever possible, notwithstanding leave or illness or other unexpected events, Mr. Harper aims to meet the following standards:

Response to correspondence within 5 working days.

Report dispatched within 2 weeks of interview with client and receipt of all relevant medical records, X-rays and scans (including CD passwords).

Provision of an objective Expert Report addressed to the Court

**Fees**

A typical Personal Injury Report, without extensive notes and records would be charged at £400-£550. A typical Medical Negligence Report is likely to be considerably higher.

Mr. Harpers' fees are otherwise based upon an hourly rate of £225 to include examination, perusal of medical records and preparation of the Report.

If the client cancels the appointment giving less than 48 hours notice or fails to attend, Mr. Harper will charge a cancellation fee of £125.

Fees are not subject to VAT.

Mr. Harpers' fees are not dependent upon the successful outcome of the case.

## **COURT ATTENDANCE; ATTENDANCE WITH COUNSEL**

£1100 per half day, £2200 per whole day.

All expenses to be paid, including but not limited to: First Class Rail Travel, Air Travel, Hotel Expenses (4 Star), car mileage at 40 pence per mile, taxi fares.

A rate of £225 per hour will apply to all other work to include preparation for Court and case conferences.

If having required Mr. Harper's attendance or asked that a case be entered in the diary, such attendance is cancelled with less than 2 weeks notice, 50% fees for the whole of the allotted time will be payable. If Mr. Harper receives less than 7 days notice, then the whole fee for the allotted time will be payable.

## **PAYMENT TERMS**

All fee notes are payable within 28 days of invoice dispatch regardless of how the case is funded, unless Mr. Harper has a prior written agreement with your firm. Payment by the instructing party is not contingent upon the contents of, or opinions expressed within, the Report.

Delayed payment may incur, at Mr. Harper's discretion, interest at the prevailing commercial rate

In the event of delayed payment, Mr. Harper reserves the right to cease further work on a case until such time as the fees are settled and any accrued interest paid.

In Single Joint Expert cases, in the event of non-payment of fee by one party, liability for the entire fee note lies with the instructing solicitor.

The liability of Gareth Harper to instructing solicitors and/or their clients for negligence howsoever arising in respect of any loss or damage caused by an act or default of Mr. Harper shall be limited to the amount received by Gareth Harper for his services. Gareth Harper is indemnified by the Ortho ISISIS scheme.

Instructing solicitors shall treat all information provided by Gareth Harper as confidential and shall not disclose indirectly or directly or otherwise use this information except for the purpose of the specified litigation without the prior consent of Gareth Harper.

Intellectual property remains with Gareth Harper until full payment of fees.