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**MEDICOLEGAL REPORTS: TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2025**

**Background**

* Retired Consultant in Paediatrics and Child Health with expertise in neurodisability (1999 – 2022)
* I am registered with the General Medical Council (GMC)
* I have medical indemnity for medicolegal work via the Medical Protection Society (MPS)
* I provide reports on young person’s up to the age of 19 years

**Introduction**

Where I am appointed directly by a Medical Reporting Organisation (MRO), all references in the Appointment to “Instructing Solicitors” shall be construed as references to the instructing agency.

Work will only be accepted when I have a written copy of the information required, a copy of a letter signed by you (“Instructing Solicitors”) (both on behalf of your client (as their authorised agent) and to confirm your obligations as Instructing Solicitors) and I have confirmed such acceptance in writing or by email.

**Scope of work**

* Paediatrics (up to 19 years age)
* Paediatric neuro-disability
* I am not a Paediatric Neurologist nor a clinical psychologist
* I do not examine patients
* I can attend court subject to prior notice (£250 per hour)
* Medical negligence cases
* Condition & Prognosis reports
* Safeguarding (civil) cases
* I am willing to consider joint expert instructions with joint and several liability.

**Waiting times**

* Work will normally be completed within 4 working weeks of the instruction unless negotiated otherwise by either party.

**Documents required**

* Letter of instruction from the agency/solicitors
* Medical records – these should be password protected and be sent all at once electronically, paginated and arranged in a chronological manner rather than in a staggered fashion
* X-Rays, images, test results (if applicable)
* Any additional documents as relevant to the case

**Instructing Solicitors (or their Agent) Obligations:**

* Instructing solicitors are responsible for giving adequate instructions and obtaining all relevant notes, records and investigations, and shall check that all relevant matters are addressed in the reports.
* To this end they shall:
  + provide me with all information which might reasonably be expected to be relevant in enabling me to fulfil my responsibilities under this appointment (“Information”) as and when it becomes available to their client and/or to Instructing Solicitors or their Agents.
  + ensure that the Information provided or prepared by their client or on their client’s behalf is complete and accurate in all material aspects and not misleading and is updated as necessary (informing me immediately if their client discovers or has reason to believe that any of the Information is, or becomes, untrue, incomplete, misleading or inaccurate in any material respect).
* Instructing Solicitors acknowledge that I shall, and am entitled to, rely upon all Information provided to me, that I shall not be responsible for the accuracy or verification of any Information and that my report will be provided only based on the Information disclosed to me by them and the Client.

**Fees**

* I charge £ 250/hour for dictation, proofreading and report preparation.
* Reading through records is charged at £125/hour. I read at the rate of approximately 100 pages/hour.
* Please could all fees be agreed at the outset especially after I have had a chance to see the volume of the work involved
* If the work cannot be completed in the standard time because it is too lengthy, then we will need to discuss and negotiate this.
* I would like my fees to be settled within 4 weeks of the report or earlier please
* I will send an invoice with my report. Payment terms are 4 weeks from the date of the invoice.
* Interest will be charged at a rate of 5% per annum for any amount outstanding after 4 weeks of the invoice.
* Costs for fee recovery borne by me will be passed on to the instructing party or their agent.
* The liability for costs will rest with the original instructors if the file is transferred unless agreed differently
* Where I am instructed as a Single Joint Expert by the solicitors of more than one party, all firms of Instructing Solicitors will be jointly and severally liable for the fees and disbursements. Where I am instructed by an Agency which has itself been instructed by solicitors, both the Agency and its Instructing Solicitors will be jointly and severally liable for payment of the fees and disbursements.

**CPMLA reports**

* When Cambridge Paediatric Medicolegal Associates (CPMLA) are involved as the introducing organisation, there will be a 15% uplift to the charges.
* Work will be invoiced by CPMLA on submission of the report. Payment terms will be as arranged with CPMLA, who will pay me directly. Standard terms would be payment within 30 days. I regard my instructing solicitor as being responsible for paying my fees for the work undertaken once these have been agreed.

**Court attendance**

* I am prepared to attend court on a case-by-case basis
* Court attendance fees will be based on the same hourly rate (£250/h) and will include 1st class travel and 3-4 star accommodation as necessary.
* Cancellation fee for one day is charged if attendance cancelled less than 48 hours before a requested court attendance.
* Fees will not be reduced following a court assessment

**Extra work**

* Queries and factual corrections will be dealt with at no extra cost as long as they are of a reasonable number
* Additional review of the records and queries unrelated to the report or the initial instructions will attract a fee of £250 per hour

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