

MR ANDREW HOWARD, MB, ChB, FRCS, FRCS (Orth)

Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon

MEDICO-LEGAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CHARGES

Medical reports – personal injury

The minimum cost of preparing a medico-legal report is £450 unless otherwise agreed. There is an hourly charging rate of £250 for all work within the Consulting room or in preparation of reports.

Supplementary correspondence (Addendum/Joint/Part 35) is subject to an hourly charging rate of £250 with a minimum fee of £75.

If the Instructing Solicitor cancels their request for a Medical Report before completion, the Mr Howard shall be entitled to charge Instructing Solicitors an appropriate fee reflecting work and administrative time to the date of cancellation. Similarly cancellation of the appointment within 7 working days /non-attendance by the subject of the report will incur a charge of £150.

Medical reports – clinical negligence

Screening report - £400 (with condensed version of medical records, 50 pages maximum. Over this amount will be charged an hourly rate of £250 for review)

Breach of duty/liability/causation - £250 per hour for review of records.

Condition and prognosis (examination required) - £500, plus £250 per hour for review of records.

Medical records are preferred electronically or on disc which will be returned after preparation of report.

Meetings with Counsel / Attendance at Court

Fees for attendance at Court or with Counsel are at the rate of £2000 per day. This duration does not include travelling time from Sheffield to the location of the Court/Conference which will be charged at £250 per hour pro rata. These fees are agreed prior to the preparation of a medico-legal report and are agreed as independent of taxation. They are agreed as reasonable based upon the charging structure of Mr Howard for his normal daily work as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon within the private sector. The actual fee charged will depend upon the volume of private orthopaedic activity cancelled to accommodate attendance at Court etc.

In addition to the above costs are travelling expenses. These are charged at;

- £0.80 per mile for car travel.
- First class rail for journeys via rail.
- Business class air travel for cases in UK more than 200 miles, Europe and outside Europe.
- Taxi fares where appropriate
- Where overnight accommodation is necessary, hotels should be of a reasonable standard and have business facilities available, such as internet access.

There is a cancellation fee structure for attendance at Court or Conference with Counsel. This is charged as follows;

- Non-refundable booking Fee £100 (included within overall fee structure)
- Cancellation more than 28 working days before case – no charge
- Cancellation within 14-28 working days – 10% fee
- Cancellation within 7-14 working days – 50% full fee
- Cancellation within 7 working days – 100% full fee.

Payment Terms

VAT will be added to all fees.

All fees for medico-legal reports, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, are due within 90 days of the provision of that report. Any fees due for attendance at Court or with Counsel are due within 28 days of the date of Court/Conference appearance.

Mr Howard is insured with a Medical Defence Organisation in the provision of medico-legal reports for Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence.