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Professor David Nicol – Terms and Conditions

Reports

All reports are prepared from electronic copies of medical and other relevant records. Paper based documents are not accepted. On occasions a consultation with the patient including physical examination may be necessary which can be arranged via contact with my office (info@chelseaurology.com). Imaging studies when provided need to be in format allowing web-based viewing or provision of CD/USB's containing the necessary software to view or folders with DICOM images. Where chronology summaries are provided the provision of page based references to events/information is helpful in reducing the time for report provision.

Fees

1. Causation and/or Breach of Duty - £400/hour

2. Condition and Prognosis - £350/hour

3. Screening Reports - £800

This is based on document reviews of up to 50 pages (comprising medical records and/or case summaries).

On occasions briefs are requested for a 'screening report' – with the provided documentation encompassing extensive notes and a comprehensive list of questions covering various combinations of Causation, Breach of Duty, Condition and Prognosis. With these the fees outlined in 1. and 2. above will apply.

4. Response to Questions

<2 weeks from submission of report – no fee

>2 weeks after report submission - £250/hour

5. Clinical Review including physical examination - £300 which will also apply for cancellation < 3 days

Where investigations are required these will be outlined and arranged only with the approval of the instructing solicitor on the understanding that the fees for these be invoiced separately by the hospital/clinic and payment will be the responsibility of the instructing solicitor.

6. Court and Hearing Appearances

£3000/day Court appearance with Travel expenses outside London - £200 per hour, plus

cost of first-class rail/flights

Hotel accommodation Bed and breakfast – only applicable when a full day is required and the distance is greater than 50 miles or attendance at early morning meeting

Cancellation of court cases within twenty days £500 per day booked

Cancellation of court cases within ten days £1050 per day booked

Cancellation of court cases within five days Full cost and reimbursement of any costs

Other information

a. Draft Reports are provided to the instructing solicitor. If clarification or explanation of opinion is required or additional questions are raised within 2 weeks I will amend the report without further costs.

b. The intellectual property of any report produced remains with Professor Nicol until full remittance of fees when he

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will this intellectual property (report, documented opinions and correspondence) enabling any third party to use part or all of that material.

- c. An approximate quotation in advance of the production of a medico-legal report can be provided. Most reports cost within the region of £1200-£4500. The complexity, length and organisation of the records is the single most determining factor. Where the issue relates to a single specific event (eg a surgical procedure) £1200-£1500 is typical. Where the matter relates to an extended period of care, multiple events or when care involves multiple clinicians and institutions higher fees can be anticipated.

Acceptance of Briefs

- a. Time Lines

Reports can be provided within 4 weeks of receipt of all material. When significant information (eg pathology reports) is missing I will await provision of this before commencing the report. I am happy to discuss potential time lines with instructing solicitors in circumstances where I may be unable to meet this time line.

- b. Conflicts of Interest

I have a tertiary practice and at times matters I may have conflicts of interest that only become apparent after perusal of material. This may relate to informal opinion on a case, GMC enquiry or subsequently managed a case where a connection was not evident in material provided as the initial approach. In this circumstance no fees will apply to any work I have undertaken (ie perusal of documents).

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