

Mr Lindsay Muir
TERMS OF BUSINESS FOR MEDICAL REPORTS

Introduction

I am a consultant orthopaedic surgeon with a particular interest in hand surgery.

My NHS contract is at Salford Royal Hospital.

I am active in teaching and research and examining.

Medico legal consultations

I consult at the following clinics:

The Oaklands Hospital, 19 Lancaster Road, Salford M6 8AQ

Sutton House, 27 Wilson Patten Street, Warrington WA1 1PG

Waiting times

My waiting times are normally around 6 to 8 weeks from the date of instruction. My secretary will always do her best to find an extra slot for an urgent appointment. I endeavour to send a completed report within four weeks of seeing the patient.

I try to avoid “repetitive strain injuries”.

Consultations

The consultation will be in two parts. I shall take the history by teleconsultation and then see the Claimant for face to face examination before completing a single report (naturally with one single invoice). This has proven to be a generally reliable system with high claimant acceptability and usually allows me to have the first draft completed before the examination, thus allowing me to check up on any uncertainties or clarify any matters that have arisen from the review of the records.

Fees

My standard fee for an examination and report in personal injury cases is £500. There is a further fee of £400 per hour for review of documents, and I respectfully ask that the instructing solicitor arrange to obtain these and send me copies. The minimum fee for a personal injury report is thus likely to be £800. On receipt of instructions and an indication of the volume of records to be reviewed the office will normally send a fee estimate which we hope will assist in budgeting. We shall provide an appointment on receipt of acceptance of the terms and fee. Additional records provided after the initial estimate may result in supplementary fees.

In the case of medical negligence claims I ask that records are sent paginated to ensure ease of reading of the report. Paper based clinical negligence reports will normally take longer to prepare than personal injury cases. The minimum fee for a review of the records and preparation of a liability and causation report is thus likely to be £1,200. An examination for

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condition and prognosis in medical negligence cases is £800, assuming that I have prepared a causation report in the case.

I prefer to receive records electronically, in the interests of efficiency, cost and eco friendliness.

There is no cancellation fee for a first appointment that is missed. Subsequent missed appointments may incur a non attendance fee of £400.

My fees for attending conferences are £400 per hour, including travel. My fees for court are £2800 per day or part thereof for which I am warned for court. This applies whether I give evidence or not. If a court case is cancelled at short notice a cancellation fee will be due, of 50% of the fee if cancelled less than four weeks in advance and 100% of the fee if cancelled within two weeks of the planned court date. This is because I need to cancel commitments to attend Court, and this work cannot be reinstated at short notice. Travel (first class rail) and accommodation are invoiced at cost where applicable.

As for all medico legal reports, the above fees are all subject to VAT.

Terms

My terms are six months unless an alternative arrangement has previously been agreed. I am, of course, always happy to provide any further information upon request.

In accordance with the *Guidance for the instruction of experts in civil claims* Mr Muir's fees shall not be contingent on the success or otherwise of the case.

I shall be grateful if instructing solicitors will kindly confirm acceptance of these terms before an appointment is provided.

Further information

The office team will be happy to provide any further information on request. The contact details are:

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