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**Terms and Conditions 2023**

**FEES FOR EXPERT WITNESS WORK- 2023 rates**

**Preparing reports** in clinical negligence and personal injury litigation is charged at £250.00 hourly for work involved in accepting instructions, considering documentation, consultation with family and examination of child (when requested and indicated), report preparation, and answering questions deriving from report. In cases where there is a particularly complex issue, and one that involves especial expertise, I will charge £300.00 per hour, but I will not apply that charge without informing the instructing solicitors in advance of preparing the report.

I estimate that 6 – 12 hours of my time is required in total for individual reports, but this is dependent on the volume of the notes that need to be reviewed.

I anticipate reports will be generated within 12 weeks of receiving instruction, depending on the complexity of the case and availability of all relevant documentation in a timely manner.

Further work e.g. considering other reports and documentation, and preparation for and attending conferences charged at £250.00 hourly.

**Travelling time** is charged at £60.00 hourly, plus reimbursement of costs of overnight stays when incurred. I am responsible for my own travel disbursements within the UK.

**Court attendance** is charged at £800.00 per half day or part thereof. Cancellation fee for one day is charged if attendance cancelled less than 48 hours before a requested court attendance.

I regard my instructing solicitor as being responsible for paying my fees for the work undertaken once these have been agreed.

Invoices will be submitted through Cambridge Paediatric MedicoLegal Associates Ltd (CPMLA) and are subject to the terms stipulated by CPMLA.

**Topun Austin May 2023**