

Terms and conditions for provision of Expert services for Medico-Legal Cases

I, Dr Gautam Ambegaonkar, agree to provide a medicolegal report and expert witness services as an expert in the field of Paediatric Neurology in accordance with the terms and conditions stated below: -

Preparation of Medico-legal report

The process of preparing the Medico-Legal report will only commence after written confirmation from you/ solicitors and after agreement of my quoted fees

My secretary will attempt to arrange an appointment with the client/ claimant within 3 months after the above, for the purposes of history taking and clinical examination. All attempts will be made to not change or postpone the appointment date, once set, unless **unexpected circumstances arise** in which case an explanation will be provided to the instructing solicitors and the claimant and their families.

Please ensure that all medical records and any other supplementary material such as CDs/ images are supplied before the appointment as **any material supplied for review after the draft (initial) ML report is served will incur additional charges.**

The turnaround time for preparing a Medico-Legal report is **6 - 8 weeks from the date of the Clinical appointment** unless there are exceptional circumstances or additional information is required/ needed in which case I will inform the solicitors about the delay. In view of the Coronavirus Pandemic – **the appointment may have to be a Virtual one** (via video consultation). Please let me know if you have any specific preferences for the platform (i.e. Zoom, CISCO Webex, Microsoft Teams etc.) or any specific ones to avoid.

I will fulfil your instructions to the best of my ability. In the event of dissatisfaction with my services, the client shall put the reasons to me in writing.

The client understands and accepts that my overriding duty is to the court and in civil matters, in accordance with Part 35 Civil Procedure Rules

Charges/ Fees

My professional fees are as follows: -

- **£ 200 per hour + VAT for preparation of Medico-Legal report and clarifications in the report (up to 28 days after the initial report is served)**
- **£ 200 + VAT for the Consultation and Examination**
- **£ 200 + VAT for face to face consultations with counsel and other experts in the counsel's chambers or solicitors' offices and £ 150 + VAT for telephone consultation with counsel and other experts**
- **£ 150 + VAT for time spent travelling + reasonable costs (first class rail/ flight fare)**
- **Reasonable sustenance costs (receipts provided wherever possible)**

Please note that there a **'flat DNA fee' of £ 200 +VAT** will be added to the invoice; the same fee also applies if the appointment is cancelled by the client/ claimant within 48 hours of the appointment date (unless there are medical reasons)

If the case is set for trial, I will endeavour to keep the court dates free of work or other commitments. **My daily rate for attending court is £ 1000 + VAT per half day including travelling and waiting time, irrespective of whether oral evidence is given that day**

Fees must be paid **within 60 days of the report and Invoice** directly via BACS transfer to: -

Account Name: GAUKUJ Ltd
Sort Code: 20 17 19
Account number: 03505316

Invoices not settled within **the specified duration** may incur, at my discretion, an interest rate of 2% per month, or part thereof, until full settlement is received in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts Act 1998 and Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002

Data protection

All medical records supplied are kept in folders or level arch files (where supplied) and administrative records, securely on a password protected computer.

All reasonable efforts will be made to keep these secure, and other than medical personnel involved in your child's care or my administrative staff, information will not be passed to any third parties without your consent.

These will be kept for **1 year from the date** of serving the Medico-legal report (unless specified by the instructing solicitor) following which they will be securely destroyed.

Registration and data protection

I am registered with the Data Protection office (**Registration no. Z3139184**)

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarifications or details

Yours Sincerely



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