



**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MR MICHAEL HOCKINGS
RELATING TO MEDICO-LEGAL PRACTICE
LFAC JULY 2024**

Instructing Solicitors shall treat all information supplied by Mr Hockings as confidential and shall not disclose indirectly or directly or otherwise use this information except for the purpose of the specified litigation without the prior consent of Mr Hockings.

2. Mr Hockings charge for preparing a standard personal injury report is £1500 - £2000. However, the fee is based on the complexity and length of the report and may, in some circumstances, extend up to £3000.
3. If the medical records and/or radiology are not available until after examination, review of such will be provided as an addendum at the hourly charge of £400.
4. Hard copies of medical records will be returned if requested on completion of the report or will otherwise be securely destroyed after 6 months from the date of the examination.
5. Records that are provided in digital form (web platform, disk or suchlike) will be reviewed at an hourly rate of £400 per hour due to the significantly increased time required to review in this format.
6. Screening reports are charged at a minimum of £600 to include provision of a 1-2 page preliminary opinion based on a review of records provided and report preparation of no longer than 2 hours. Subsequent opinion and supplementary questions will be charged at the standard hourly rate of £400.
7. Mr Hockings hourly rate of £400 will apply to all work other than preparation of the report.
 - (a) Including teleconferences, conference with Counsel, meetings of experts etc.
 - (b) Joint discussions between experts will be charged at a minimum fee equivalent to 2 hours.
8. Medical negligence reports- Breach of Duty and Causation, and Condition and Prognosis- will be charged at a minimum fee of £4000 for each report.
9. If required to appear in Court, this should be booked at least 6 weeks in advance. Mr Hockings charge will be £4,000 per day, £2,000 for half a day (minimum charge of half a day) and shall not be subject to taxation by the Court.

Cancellation charges are: 0% More than 6 weeks notice
50% 3 to 6 weeks notice
75% Less than 3 weeks (but more than one week) notice
100% Less than 5 working days notice
10. Mr Hockings shall be fully reimbursed for all travelling time together with overnight stay and subsistence if necessary. Travel time will be charged at £200 per hour.
11. The amount due to Mr Hockings shall not be subject to taxation by the Court. Instructing Solicitors shall:
 - (a) Ensure that Mr Hockings charges are no higher than reasonably necessary for the purpose of litigation, bearing in mind his professional expertise, and;
 - (b) Where necessary, obtain prior approval from the Legal Aid Board of Mr Hockings charges.
12. Instructing solicitors shall pay all sums within 6 months or case settlement **whichever is the sooner, unless by prior agreement** Late payment shall be subject to interest of 5% per annum. In the event of late payment, further reports and cooperation will be withheld until payment is received.
13. A fee of £600 will be payable to Mr Hockings in the event of a client's failure to attend or cancellation of an appointment without reasonable notice of such or adequate reason.
14. Instructing solicitors shall be responsible for giving adequate instructions and shall check also that all matters are covered in the reports. Instructing solicitors shall be responsible for any claim made against Mr Hockings resulting from their failure to do so.
15. Mr Hockings reserves the right to require advance payment for work undertaken prior to supplying that work to instructing solicitors.

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