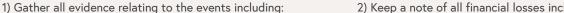


CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE - YOUR JOURNEY

Clinical Negligence claims can take a considerable amount of time to investigate and complete, even if the issues seem relatively straightforward. No two cases are the same but we have set out below a basic timeline of a straightforward case to give you a quide. Of course we will fully advise you at each and every step of the case.

GET PREPARED



- Complaints correspondence
- Serious Untoward Incident reports
- Any Inquest documentation
- Death Certificate / Post Mortem
- Any medical records that you have

- 2) Keep a note of all financial losses including receipts.
- 3) Keep an ongoing diary of events, your recovery, appointments and care provided by others throughout the course of the case.



FUNDING

We usually offer "no win no fee" but this will be discussed with you in detail. Legal Aid is sometimes available.

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COLLATE MEDICAL RECORDS

with you, if needed, at one of our offices.

The medical records need to be electronically paginated and collated and a detailed chronology prepared – 2-4 months depending on volume.

MEDICAL RECORDS

It can take anywhere between 40 days and sometimes longer - 6 months.

We need to review them and report back to you - 1-3 months depending on the volume.

WITNESS STATEMENTS - ONGOING



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Your provisional statement will be drafted following our meeting and updated as the case progresses. We will also consider obtaining independent witness evidence.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF LOSS - ONGOING



We will begin to prepare a schedule of loss based on the financial evidence that you provide to us and update this throughout the course of your case.

INSTRUCT MEDICAL EXPERT



It can take anywhere from 12 weeks to 12 months (sometimes longer) for us to receive the initial report.

LETTER OF CLAIM



If the expert's report supports your claim, you will be sent a draft letter of claim for approval. This will set out full details of your case and the allegations. Once approved it will be sent to your opponent.

LETTER OF RESPONSE



Technically the Defendant has 4 months from receipt of the Letter of Claim but often they ask for extensions of time.

LIABILITY ADMITTED

Consider any further experts required to value the claim. Allow 4-6 months per expert. Update and finalise Schedule 3-6 months.

LIABILITY DENIED

Send Letter of Response to expert for further comments 3 months. If unsupportive, discontinue claim.

If they remain supportive either: Instruct Counsel AND / OR Issue Court Proceedings.

COUNSEL?

If required - Instruct Counsel (Counsel / Barrister - a lawyer regulated by the Bar Standards Board, often specialising in court room representation, drafting pleadings and expert legal opinions).

If not required - Settlement negotiations - 3 months. If unsuccessful - Issue Court Proceedings Once Proceedings Issued the case falls into the Court's Timetable and we will advise in full at that stage.