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TERMS FOR MEDICOLEGAL WORK

1. My appointment is as Party Appointed Expert.
2. For the avoidance of doubt you have instructed me as principal, and not as agent for your client. As such, you agree to pay me my fee directly. In the absence of any response I shall assume that these terms have been accepted by you.
3. For the avoidance of any doubt my fee is not subject to any 'Detailed Assessment' by the Court and as such may not be reduced following submission of the report.
4. My instructions are to be agreed upon receipt of your written instructions dated **/**/2021.
5. My hourly rate for the preparation of my evidence is £400. I will provide an estimate of time once I know how much existing written documentation/x-rays etc need to be reviewed. As a rough guide I would estimate approximately 10-12 hours if straightforward (no more than a single lever arch file). More voluminous records will take longer.
6. To assess your client in person there will be a charge of £400 plus costs of any associated investigations. Additional investigations I would likely perform at clinical assessment would be oxygen saturation (£25), peak flow assessment (£25) and spirometry (£150). Further investigations, if applicable, will be charged directly by the hospital independent of myself. A follow up consultation will be reduced to £350 plus additional costs as above.
7. Subject to the timely provision of information to me, I estimate that the advice or report prepared in response to my instructions will be delivered to the appointor by **/**/2021 (date to be agreed).
8. My daily rate for attending a hearing is £4000 plus return travel time at £400 per hour plus expenses. If I am able to return to my office by 1 p.m., I charge a half-day rate of £2000 plus return travel time at £400 per hour plus expenses.
9. Attendance at conferences with Counsel/Expert Meetings will be charged at £400 per hour plus return travel time at £400 per hour plus expenses.
10. Value added tax will be added at the prevailing rate (currently 20%).
11. Fees will be rendered monthly unless otherwise agreed.
12. Fees rendered are payable within 30 days. I reserve the right to charge interest on overdue debts at the rate of 8% above the Bank of England base rate per annum.
13. Travel is chargeable at the rate of £400 per hour plus expenses.
14. Where I am instructed to prepare for and attend a hearing, and for whatever reason those instructions are revoked, I do reserve the right to make a cancellation charge calculated on the following basis.
 - £4000 PER DAY REQUIRED (if cancelled within ten working days).
 - £2000 PER HALF DAY REQUIRED (if cancelled within ten working days).
15. On receipt of your written acceptance of these terms I will begin preparation of the report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything relating to these terms, which you would like to discuss.

Signature: _____

Date: _____