



The Sloane Court Clinic

A private clinic in Chelsea, London providing psychiatric and psychological care.

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Fees for Medico-Legal Work – Dr Patricia Carlin

Where a case falls under the Legal Services Commission, particularly for London, these fees are accepted and supplant those indicated below which are my normal fees.

The fee schedule below is for non-publicly funded cases. The fees for publicly funded cases from October 1st 2011 will be in line with those accepted by the Legal Services Commission.

Fees for Medico-Legal reports: The hourly rate for preparing medico-legal reports is £120 per hour. Fees are charged strictly on a pro-rata basis. Interviews and psychological assessments with patients can take up to 4 hours depending on the nature of the assessment. The typical period of reading and abstracting material from supplied documentation is 2-3 hours, and after this, 4-5 hours is spent in test scoring, preparing and redrafting the final report. An average report would be about 10-12 hours of work, incurring a fee of £1200 - £1500. Shorter or longer pieces of work are charged accordingly.

Cancellation Fee for Medico-Legal reports: The fee is charged for a patient not attending with less than 24 hours notice is for the hours of the planned interview and assessment time. Where it is possible to reschedule other clinical work to fill this time then the fee is reduced proportionately

Travelling Time: £60 per hour plus rail fare on public transport and, if necessary, local taxi fares.

Attendance Fee for Conference with Counsel: £120 per hour of attendance. In addition travel time as above and preparation time. Minor queries/correspondence incur no charge. A cancellation fee of 100% will be charged if cancelled within 24 hours of the Court date, 50% if cancelled within 3 days, and 25% if cancelled within 7 days.

Fees for Attending Court: £800 per day plus preparation time for giving evidence and travelling time. Preparation time is charged at £120 per hour. £500 per half day plus preparation time and travelling time.

Telephone discussions and small queries/other correspondence that takes less than 30 mins will not be charged for. Longer pieces of work will be charged for at the hourly rate of £120 per hour.

Payment terms: It is requested that invoices are paid within 28 days of the day of issue.

VAT: Presently Dr. Carlin does not need to charge VAT for the Medico-Legal work she undertakes.

Court taxation: It is understood and accepted that exceptional fees will be taxed by the Courts.