

ANDREW TATHAM Eye Care

Terms and Conditions for Medicolegal Reports

I am happy to prepare reports for most ophthalmology-related complaints but always let instructing solicitors know if I feel that I am not properly qualified to comment on any particular case.

My hourly rate is £250 and I aim to produce a report within 4 weeks of receiving instructions.

If invoices are not paid within 2 years, I reserve the right to send an additional, late payment, invoice of 10%.

A typical initial report in a case of alleged medical negligence takes about 10 to 12 hours. Complicated cases may take 16 hours or more. Personal injury cases and accidents at work generally take less time.

For an accurate quotation then please send me the medical records and I will provide you with a fixed maximum fee.

I am happy to work with paper or electronic records.

I am always happy to respond to initial email enquiries. If you send me a page or two of details about a proposed claim, then I will do my best to give you an indication of whether or not it is likely to succeed.

When I need to examine clients, most choose to see me at The Edinburgh Clinic, 40 Colinton Road, Edinburgh. However, other arrangements can be made and I may be able to travel to see a client.

If I do not see a client when I write my initial report, and if I then see them later to finalise my report and to comment on condition and prognosis, then this will typically take in the region of 6 hours work.

If a client fails to arrive for an agreed appointment, or cancels on the day, then I reserve the right to charge the instructing solicitor a fee of £150.

If I attend a case conference, or if I see a client at his or her home, then I charge £150 per hour travelling time (from 40 Colinton Road, Edinburgh) and £150 per hour waiting time. I also charge travelling expenses (first class rail fare, or car mileage at 50p per mile).

For attendance in Court, I charge £2,000 per day. I also charge travel expenses and hotel expenses as needed.

If a Court case or a case conference is postponed, or cancelled, or if I am not needed, then I reserve the right to invoice you, the instructing solicitor, for the time that I had allocated. However, if you give me more than two weeks' notice of the cancellation, I would not charge. If you give me less than 14 days' notice, but more than 7 days, then I would charge 33% of the estimate. With less than 7 days' notice, but more than 2 days, then I would charge 66% of this estimate. If you give me less than 2 days' notice of the cancellation, then I would charge 80% of the estimate. However, regardless of the period of notice, I would charge in full the cost of any non-refundable train tickets. If on Court assessment, it was decided that my fee was too high, then I would accept the decision of the Court. But the initial assumption must be that funding is in place.

Andrew Tatham - Brief CV

QUALIFICATIONS

MD	University College London	Apr 2018
FEBOS-CR	Fellow of the European Board of Ophthalmology Subspecialist in Cataract and Refractive Surgery	Oct 2017
FRCSEd	Fellow Royal College Surgeons Edinburgh	Dec 2013
FEBO	Fellow of European Board of Ophthalmology	May 2011
FRCOphth	Fellow of Royal College of Ophthalmologists	Nov 2010
MBChB	University of Liverpool	Jul 2002

- Since 2013 I have been a consultant ophthalmologist at Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh. I specialise in cataract and glaucoma surgery. Prior to this appointment, I completed 2 years of subspecialist training at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London and University of California San Diego, USA.
- I am a fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and European Board of Ophthalmologists. I achieved the highest score in Europe in my European Board of Ophthalmology examination.
- I have performed over 2,000 cataract operations and perform approximately 150 glaucoma surgical procedures per year. In 2017 I became one of the first ophthalmologists in Europe to pass the new European Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS) Subspecialist in Cataract and Refractive Surgery Diploma.
- I am Editor of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists' Focus publication and since 2016 have been a member of the College Scientific Committee. I am a member of the editorial board of International Glaucoma Review, the journal of the World Glaucoma Association. I am a lead for the University of Edinburgh MSc in Primary Care Ophthalmology and a member of the board of examiners. I am also a national classifier for athletes with a visual impairment for the British Paralympic Association.