

Examination Information for Client Assessments (Claimant and Defendant)

There is a clear requirement for the Medical Report to be independent and unbiased. The aim of the medical report is to provide an independent medical assessment to the court to support a claim for personal injury compensation.

Alice Irwin, as an experienced Orthotist and Expert Witness will have seen many cases just like yours over her years in practice and will therefore have the specialist knowledge required to understand the type of injuries you have suffered - providing clear and concise medical evidence in a timely fashion.

The examination time will vary according to the nature of your injuries, but usually takes 1-2 hours and you are more than welcome to bring a friend or relative along with you to the consultation. To help understand how you have been affected by your injuries you will be asked details surrounding the circumstances of your injuries and the treatment that you have received for your injuries to date:

- If you have had to take time off work
- How your injuries have affected your day to day life
- Details of how you are recovering
- If you have kept a pain diary (please bring this with you)
- How you feel now and if you are still suffering any effects from your accident.

To get a clear understanding of the extent of your injuries, it is necessary to have access to medical notes from your doctor and any other specialists that have treated you.

There will be a physical assessment which will involve photographs and video, please ensure to wear or bring to the appointment appropriate clothing such as shorts or sports leggings to enable an accurate examination.

Travelling Expenses: Your solicitor may be able to recover travelling expenses from the party who was responsible for your injuries. You should therefore keep all receipts for taxi fares, parking, bus or train fares and forward them to your solicitor.

What if I must take time off work? If your employer will not pay you for taking time off work to attend the medical examination, your solicitor may be able to recover any loss of earnings from the party who was responsible for your injuries.

Am I able to see the report? A copy of the report will be given to you by your solicitor. You will have the opportunity to comment on the report and your solicitor may send these comments to Alice Irwin for consideration and comment.

What if I can't attend the appointment? When you receive the appointment details, please sign the Confirmation of Attendance and send it back to the ACJ Orthotics immediately. If you are unable to make the appointment it is important that you contact the clinic immediately so that we can make an alternative arrangement.

Alice Irwin will be seeing you privately and a charge will therefore be made for failing to attend without giving adequate notice or cancellation at short notice.

The cancellation fee is charged if less than 48 hours' notice is given at a rate of £250 per hour (i.e. if a 2 hour appointment is cancelled the day before then there will be a £500 cancellation fee). Therefore, if following your confirmation of attendance you are unable to attend please contact the clinic immediately.

Identification: It is always advisable to attend the appointment with some form of photographic identification like a driving license, passport or ID card if you have one.