

Questions to ask your solicitor



Before engaging a solicitor to pursue a claim of clinical negligence, it is important that you are satisfied they have the experience and insight needed.

No solicitor who is prepared to act on your behalf should object to you asking some or all of the following questions

1. What experience have you had in handling cases relating to spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus?
2. How many cases in relation to spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (or a particular issue) have you dealt with?
3. Who will be involved in dealing with my case?
4. Does your firm have solicitors on the Law Society Clinical Negligence panel, or panel members of APIL or AvMA?
5. How long is this claim likely to take?
6. What are the options for funding the case?
7. Are you able to visit me at home, if necessary?
8. What will you need from me to take a claim on my behalf?
9. Can I phone you if we don't understand something to do with our claim and will this incur costs?
10. How will you keep in touch with us and update us on any progress?
11. What links do you have with Shine?
12. What happens if we are successful with the claim? Will you provide me with some financial advice?
13. What happens if we are not successful with the claim? What costs would I be liable for?
14. Are you able to provide examples your firm have worked on that are similar to mine before I sign up?
15. What will I have to pay if the claim is not successful?
16. What will I have to pay if the claim is successful?

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