



Core Mediation Personal Injury Mediation Scheme

Mediation has considerable potential to assist in the settlement of personal injury claims by providing a process which is relatively informal, quick, forward-looking and cost-effective.

Aim

To assist parties in relatively low value, personal injury claims to use mediation to resolve matters by providing a cost effective, time efficient and streamlined service.

How does the scheme work?

1. The scheme is available to all parties in personal injury cases where the value of the claim is £50,000 or less, where the issues are not complex, where it is agreed that matters can be addressed relatively quickly and where solicitors are instructed by the parties.
2. Core's Standard Mediation Fee will be discounted to £450 (plus VAT) per party. This will cover a four-hour mediation meeting, plus the preparation required by the mediator and the administration of the process. If the mediation extends beyond 4 hours or a further date is fixed by agreement of the parties, a further fee will be negotiated utilising Core Mediation's Guide to Fees and Costs.
3. Parties will agree a suitable date for the mediation meeting. They will refer the matter to Core Mediation which will send out Guidance Notes to the parties including a draft Agreement to Mediate. Core Mediation will then nominate a mediator from its Personal Injury Panel for parties' approval. The Panel consists of accredited mediators with appropriate knowledge and background to mediate in personal injury matters.
4. Once the date for the mediation meeting is agreed by the parties, the matter referred and a mediator appointed, Core Mediation will fix a timetable for the submission and exchange by the parties of summaries and any supporting documentation and court pleadings. In order to be time and cost-effective, the parties will be encouraged to provide as much relevant supporting documentation as possible. Parties will provide a list of those attending the mediation meeting.
5. The mediator will contact the solicitors prior to the mediation meeting to discuss arrangements. A short preliminary meeting involving the mediator and the solicitors is often a very effective way of focussing issues, assisting preparation and maximising use of time in the mediation meeting. If this is considered helpful and all parties agree, such a meeting will be held with a fixed fee of £100 plus VAT per hour per party.
6. Whenever numbers allow, in order to reduce the overall cost, mediation meetings will be held in the offices of Core Mediation or in the offices of one of the solicitors involved.
7. If agreement is reached, the solicitors will draft a Resolution Agreement to record the terms of agreement.

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