

Medical Negligence – Advice on Making a Claim



We understand that it can be an emotional and distressing time, and that sometimes the result of the negligence can itself act as an obstacle for taking the matter further. In other cases, it can seem daunting to pursue a Medical Negligence claim because of the volume of evidence you may think you need to obtain, or the medical terminology you would need to wrap your head around, but we can make this process easier.

When you contact us about your claim, there are some simple steps you can take to speed up and ease the process. Below is a checklist of information we may need from you.

- ✓ **Create a clear timeline of events and incidents**
 - This means we can understand your situation quickly, and we can assess causation and merit.
 - Try to be specific as you can about times, dates and locations, as well as who you saw.
- ✓ **If your matter is still ongoing, try keeping a note of meetings or incidents as you go along**
 - You may find this easier than doing this in retrospect, where dates may be foggy and you could find it distressing.
 - If you attend meetings or follow ups, ask for the notes or minutes from the meetings, or bring someone along with you to take notes.
 - Keep together all your correspondence. This could especially be helpful when trying to establishing liability.
- ✓ **Take pictures of any related injuries and/or related incidents**
 - Especially if your injuries are not long-term, these are very helpful as evidence.
- ✓ **Keep a note of the specific people who treated you**
 - It's also helpful to know which hospital, surgery or clinic you went to

We cannot undo the negligence you have experienced, but we can help you seek the compensation and peace of mind you deserve. And it's important to remember there is nothing to be afraid of from calling us – we are just like you, we just have a specific set of skills which we can use to support you and your family. You will find that our specialists are sympathetic, kind and considerate. You can call us to find out more on 0114 2496666 or email us at enquiries@howellsllp.com to find out how we can help.