

## Medical records

In the very early stages your solicitor should set about obtaining your medical records. These will be from your GP, relevant hospitals and the ambulance service. The amount of compensation awarded depends largely on the nature and seriousness of your injuries. Prior to this they will request your authority to request these documents. Once these records have been received they will be sorted into relevant sections, indexed, paginated and certain cases prepare a chronology. From these notes key issues can be highlighted and the necessary medical experts instructed. As part of the disclosure process your records will be sent to the Defendant.

In all cases, the medical records play a key part in being able to fully investigate the claim and the long term effects of your injury. It is from these that the medical experts can project into the future as to care needs, aids and equipment and future loss of earnings. Medical experts will need to identify any entries which are relevant and rely on these in their report.

It may take months to obtain all the necessary medical records, especially where you have been in hospital for a long time. This is something to be aware of at the beginning of your claim.

If you refuse to authorise the release of your medical records it may have a negative impact on the claim. The Defendants may then infer that you are "covering something up" and it may lead to doubt within your claim. Subject to this you may also find yourself being monitored through surveillance in an attempt to prove malingering.

If you do feel at all hesitant about the release of your medical records it is important to remember that there will be client confidentiality agreement in place whereby any personal information cannot be disclosed without your consent. Further to this for the purpose of disclosure your injury may only relate to certain aspects of the records.

If you would like any further information on **medical records** please do [get in touch](#).

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