

CLAIMANT INFORMATION FACTSHEET



You have made a claim for personal injuries, and your solicitor or insurance provider has referred you for an 'Occupational Therapy Medico-Legal Assessment'... **but what does that mean?**

We understand that pursuing a legal claim can be a stressful time for you, so here is some information about what we do at Impact OT Consulting and what you can expect when an assessment has been booked with us.

Who we are:

Impact OT Consulting is a team of dedicated expert Occupational Therapists (OTs) who specialise in conducting thorough evaluations and providing objective medico-legal reports, that detail your functional abilities and impact of your injury on daily life. We assess claimants for a wide variety of matters, including public liability, medical negligence, workplace injuries, motor vehicle accidents, historical abuse, and occupational lung disease.

As experts, we are bound by the courts to provide objective and unbiased opinion based on our professional expertise and judgement, evidence gathered during the assessment and review of medical records provided to us by your legal team.

Why you have been referred:

An assessment has been organised with one of our qualified OTs to gain a detailed understanding of how your injury may have impacted your physical, cognitive, psychological, and functional abilities.

We consider what ongoing restrictions or limitations your injuries may have caused and the impact on your ability to perform everyday tasks and engage in work, social and leisure activities.

Following the assessment, the OT will provide your legal team with a comprehensive and impartial report that helps to ensure all relevant factors are considered when seeking appropriate resolution or compensation.

About your appointment:

Here are some specific details about what to expect during your assessment:

▶ Where will it occur?

An occupational therapy assessment is conducted within the comfort of your own home. It is essential to observe you within this setting to gain a comprehensive understanding of your daily living situation and functional abilities. Please refrain from making any adjustments for our assessment, it is essential to observe the home environment in its normal state.

▶ What do I need to prepare?

- Details regarding your medical and therapeutical treatment since the injury.
- A list of current medications.
- If you have received assistance from a third party (family/friend) or paid services since your injury, it would be useful to have a list of dates and the type assistance provide (e.g., showering, cleaning, lawn mowing etc) (if this is not possible, do not worry).

▶ Who can be present?

You are welcome to have a support person, such as a family member or friend present. It is also useful for the person who has primarily cared for you, or provided assistance to be in attendance.

▶ How long will it take?

As we aim to gather detailed and relevant information, the assessment will typically last between 2-4 hours.

Length is often dependent on the complexity of your case and we are mindful of your time. Please feel free to ask for breaks as required.

▶ What can I expect?

- Prior to the assessment, the OT will review medical records, reports and investigations provided by your legal team, to better understand your injury and treatment history.
- During the assessment, the OT will gather appropriate details in an interview, including reviewing any pre-existing medical conditions or injuries.
- The OT will then conduct a functional assessment, assessing functional abilities and task performance within your home environment, focusing on tasks and activities performed pre-injury.
- You may also be asked to complete various paper-based tasks.
- With your permission, we will take photos to include in our report.



If you have any questions before the assessment, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly team:



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