

Unified Contract – Civil Specification

Payment Annex 2011

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This Payment Annex forms part of the Civil Specification of the Unified Contract. It applies from 3 October 2011, subject to the commencement and transitional provisions contained in the main provisions of the Specification and any relevant Funding Order.

Tables which relate to fees and rates for services which are no longer covered by the Unified Contract have been omitted from this Payment Annex

All fees in this Payment Annex are exclusive of VAT. See the General and Category Specific provisions of the Specification for all remuneration rules, including any enhancement provisions.

Civil Standard Fees

1 Legal Help and Help at Court

Note: Fees for these services in the Family Category are set out in sections 2 and 3 of this Payment Annex. The fees below for Housing do not apply for the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme.

Category	Under SQM		Tolerance	
	Standard Fee	Exceptional Threshold	Standard Fee	Exceptional Threshold
Actions Against the Police	£266	£798	£154	£462
Clinical Negligence	£217	£651	-	-
Community Care	£296	£888	£179	£537
Consumer General Contract	£177	£531	£149	£447
Debt	£200	£600	£123	£369
Education	£302	£906	£152	£456
Employment	£230	£690	£150	£450
Housing	£174	£522	£138	£414
Miscellaneous	£88	£264	-	-
Personal Injury	£226	£678	£154	£462
Public Law	£288	£864	£207	£621
Welfare Benefits	£167	£501	£136	£408

2 Family Public Law

Table 2 (a): Legal Help

National
£147

Table 2 (b): Family Help (Lower) – s31 Care Proceedings Only

National
£405

Table 2 (c): Legal Representation – s31 Care Proceedings Only

Party	Court	No. of Clients	Midlands	North	London and South	Wales
Child	Other	1	£2,165	£1,775	£2,485	£2,426
Child	Other	2+	£3,247	£2,662	£3,728	£3,639
Child	High Court	1	£2,879	£2,361	£3,305	£3,226
Child	High Court	2+	£4,319	£3,542	£4,957	£4,838
Joined Party	Other		£1,148	£887	£1,334	£1,445
Joined Party	High Court		£1,527	£1,180	£1,774	£1,922
Parent	Other	1	£2,840	£2,359	£3,230	£2,925
Parent	Other	2	£3,551	£2,948	£4,037	£3,657
Parent	High Court	1	£3,777	£3,137	£4,296	£3,891
Parent	High Court	2	£4,721	£3,922	£5,369	£4,864

3 Family Private Law

Table 3 (a): Legal Help

National
£96

Table 3 (b): Legal Help – Divorce Petition Only

National
£162

Table 3 (c): Family Help (Lower) – Children

	Fee	Settlement Fee
London	£256	£153
Non-London	£221	£132

Table 3 (d): Family Help (Lower) - Finance

	Fee	Settlement Fee
London	£268	£161
Non-London	£231	£139

Table 3 (e): Higher Standard Fee Schemes – Children

Region	Court	Family Help (Higher) Standard Fee	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£471	£335
	High Court	£565	£402
Non-London	Other	£392	£279
	High Court	£471	£335

Table 3 (f): Higher Standard Fee Schemes - Finance

Region	Court	Family Help (Higher) Standard Fee	Family Help (Higher) Settlement Fee	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£523	£105	£416
	High Court	£628	£125	£499
Non-London	Other	£436	£87	£346
	High Court	£523	£105	£416

Table 3 (g): Higher Standard Fee Schemes – Domestic Abuse Proceedings

Region	Court	Legal Representation Standard Fee
London	Other	£675
	High Court	£810
Non-London	Other	£563
	High Court	£675

4 Immigration (*omitted*)

5 Mental Health (*omitted*)

6 Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (*omitted*)

Hourly Rates – Controlled Work

7 Legal Help, Help at Court and Family Help (Lower)

Table 7 (a): Immigration Exceptional Cases, Mental Health, Actions Against the Police Etc, Public law, Education and Community Care (*omitted*)

Table 7 (b): Family and Housing (except as in 7(c), below), and Employment

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£54.15 per hour	£51.05 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£28.60 per hour	£28.60 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.20 per item	£4.05 per item

Table 7 (c) : Legal Help or Help at Court provided in relation to a review under section 202 of the Housing Act 1996 and to a defendant to a possession claim in the County Court; Family Help (Lower) and related Legal Help in relation to s31 Care Proceedings.

Activity	London Rates	Non-London Rates
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£62.40 per hour	£58.40 per hour
Travel and Waiting time	£30.90 per hour	£30.05 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.50 per item	£4.20 per item

Table 7 (d): Immigration Hourly Rates Cases (*omitted*)

Table 7 (e): All other categories and all tolerance work

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation, attendance and advocacy	£51.70 per hour	£48.75 per hour
Travel & Waiting time	£27.35 per hour	£27.35 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.00 per item	£3.85 per item

8 Controlled Legal Representation (*omitted*)

Hourly Rates – Licensed Work

9 Family Prescribed Rates

Table 9 (a): Care Proceedings

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Family Proceedings Court
Writing routine letters	£ 4.70 per item	£ 4.10 per item
Receiving routine letters	£ 2.35 per item	£ 2.05 per item
Routine telephone calls	£ 4.70 per item	£ 4.10 per item
Preparation and attendance	£77.85 per hour (London Rate) £ 73.15 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£68.20 per hour (London Rate) £ 64.90 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending at court or conference with counsel	£ 41.25 per hour	£ 36.30 per hour
Advocacy	£77.85 per hour (London Rate) £ 73.15 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£ 71.50 per hour
Travelling and waiting time	£ 35.75 per hour	£ 32.45 per hour.

Table 9 (b): Other Family Proceedings

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Family Proceedings Court
Routine letters out	£ 7.05 per item	£ 6.00 per item
Receiving routine letters	£ 3.50 per item	£ 3.00 per item
Routine telephone calls	£ 7.05 per item	£ 6.00 per item
Preparation and attendance	£78.40 per hour (London Rate) £73.05 per hour (non London Rate)	£66.00 per hour (London Rate) £61.00 per hour (Non London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£41.25 per hour	£36.00 per hour
Advocacy	£78.40 per hour (London Rate) £73.05 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£66.00 per hour (London Rate) £63.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Travelling and waiting time	£ 35.75 per hour	£ 32.00 per hour (London Rate) £31.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)

10 Non-Family Prescribed Rates

Table 10 (a): Higher Courts, County Courts and Magistrates' Courts for work carried out within an SQM Category

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Routine letters out	£7.50 per item	£6.60 per item
Routine telephone calls	£4.15 per item	£3.65 per item
Preparation and attendance	£79.50 per hour (London Rate) £75.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£70.00 per hour (London Rate) £66.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£37.00 per hour	£32.50 per hour
Advocacy	£75.00 per hour	£66.00 per hour
Traveling and waiting time	£33.25 per hour	£29.20 per hour

Table 10 (b): High Court, County Court and Magistrates' Court for work not carried out within an SQM Category

Activity	Higher Courts	County Court and Magistrates' Court
Routine letters out	£7.40 per item	£6.50 per item
Routine telephone calls	£4.10 per item	£3.60 per item
Preparation and attendance	£78.50 per hour (London Rate) £74.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)	£69.00 per hour (London Rate) £65.00 per hour (Non-London Rate)
Attending court or conference with counsel	£36.40 per hour	£32.00 per hour
Advocacy	£74.00 per hour	£65.00 per hour
Traveling and waiting time	£32.70 per hour	£28.75 per hour

Table 10 (c): First-tier Tribunal

Activity	London Rate	Non-London Rate
Preparation and attendance	£61.20 per hour	£57.25 per hour
Routine letters out and telephone calls	£4.40 per item	£4.10 per item
Advocacy	£69.60 per hour	£69.60 per hour
Attending tribunal or conference with counsel	£32.55 per hour	£32.55 per hour
Travelling and waiting time	£30.30 per hour	£29.45 per hour

Family Advocacy Scheme

11 Public Law Advocacy Fees

Table 11 (a) s31 Care Proceedings Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hrs)	Conference fee	Opinion fee	Advocates' meeting fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£96.35	£240.90	£141.90	£117.40	£142.40	£562.50
County Court	£106.00	£264.95	£141.90	£117.40	£156.65	£618.75
High Court	£127.20	£317.95	£141.90	£117.40	£188.00	£742.50

Table 11 (b) Other Public Law Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hr)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5hrs)	Conference Fee	Opinion fee	Advocates' meeting fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£84.25	£210.65	£141.90	£117.40	£142.40	£515.90
County Court	£92.65	£231.70	£141.90	£117.40	£156.65	£567.50
High Court	£111.20	£278.00	£141.90	£117.40	£188.00	£681.00

Table 11 (c): Public Law Bolt-on Fees

Bolt-on Fee	Payable for	Fee Payable
Client – Allegations of Harm	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Client – Lack of Understanding etc	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Expert’s Cross Examination	Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Court Bundle Payments	Hearings	See Table 11(d) below
Exceptional Travel Fee	Hearings, Advocates’ Meetings and Conferences	£35.60

Table 11(d): Public Law Court Bundle Payments

	CB1 (351-700 pages)	CB2 (701-1,400 pages)	CB3 (Over 1,400 pages)
Interim hearing	£ 66.00	£ 99.00	£99.00
Final hearing	£177.00	£266.00	£354.00

12 Private Law Advocacy Fees

Table 12 (a): Private Law Children Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hours)	Conference fee	Opinion fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£69.65	£174.15	£139.30	£104.50	£441.15
County Court	£76.60	£191.55	£139.30	£104.50	£485.25
High Court	£91.95	£229.85	£139.30	£104.50	£582.30

Table 12(b): Domestic Abuse Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit (up to 2.5 hours)	Final hearing fee (per day)
FPC	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30
County Court	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30
High Court	£90.55	£226.40	£401.30

Table 12(c): Private Law Finance Graduated Fees

Court	Hearing Unit 1 (up to 1 hour)	Hearing Unit 2 (up to 2.5 hours)	FDR Hearing Unit 1	FDR Hearing Unit 2	Early Resolution Fee
County Court	£70.20	£175.50	£112.30	£280.80	£140.40
High Court	£84.25	£210.60	£134.80	£336.95	£168.50

Court	Conference Fee	Opinion fee	Final hearing fee (per day)
County Court	£140.40	£105.30	£493.00
High Court	£140.40	£105.30	£591.60

Table 12 (d): Private Law Bolt-on Fees

Bolt-on Fee	Payable for	Fee Payable
Client – Allegations of Harm	Private Law Children Hearings	25% of Hearing Unit Fee
Expert’s Cross Examination	Private law Children Hearings	20% of Hearing Unit Fee
Early Resolution Fee	Private Law Finance Hearings	See Table 12(c) above
Court Bundle Payments	Private Law Children or Finance Hearings	See Table 12(e) below
Exceptional Travel Fee	Hearings and Conferences	£35.60

Table 12(e): Private Law Court Bundle Payments

	CB1 (351-700 pages)	CB2 (701-1,400 pages)	CB3 (Over 1,400 pages)
Interim hearing	£ 66.00	£ 99.00	£99.00
Final hearing	£177.00	£266.00	£354.00

14- Experts Fees and Rates

Table 14

<i>Expert</i>	<i>Outside London Hourly Rate or fixed fee</i>	<i>London Rate or fixed fee</i>	<i>Hourly Rate or fixed fee</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A&E consultant	£126	£135		
Accident reconstruction	£90	£68		
Accountant	£50 - £135	£50 - £144		Partner £144, Manager £108, Accountant £80, General staff £50
Anaesthetist	£135	£135		
Architect	£99	£90		
Cardiologist	£144	£144		
Cell telephone site analysis	£90	£90		
Child psychiatrist	£135	£90		
Child psychologist	£126	£90		
Computer expert	£90	£90		
Consultant engineer	£90	£68		
Dentist	£117	£117		
Dermatologist	£108	£108		
Disability consultant	£68	£68		
DNA (per person) – testing of sample	£315 per test	£315 per test		
DNA (per person) – preparation of report	£90	£90		
Doctor (GP)	£99	£90		
Employment consultant	£68	£68		
Enquiry agent	£32	£23		
ENT surgeon	£126	£126		
General surgeon	£135	£90		
Geneticist	£108	£108		
GP (records report)	£63 fixed fee	£90 fixed fee		
Gynaecologist	£135	£90		
Haematologist	£122	£90		
Handwriting expert	£90	£90		
Interpreter	£32	£25		
Lip reader / Signer	£72	£41		
Mediator	£126	£126		
Medical consultant	£135	£90		

Medical microbiologist	£135	£135
Meteorologist	£126	£180 fixed fee
Midwife	£90	£90
Neonatologist	£135	£135
Neurologist	£153	£90
Neuropsychiatrist	£158	£90
Neuroradiologist	£171	£171
Neurosurgeon	£171	£90
Nursing expert	£81	£81
Obstetrician	£135	£135
Occupational therapist	£68	£68
Oncologist	£140	£140
Orthopaedic surgeon	£144	£144
Paediatrician	£135	£90
Pathologist	£153	£540 fixed fee
Pharmacologist	£122	£122
Photographer	£32	£23
Physiotherapist	£81	£81
Plastic surgeon	£135	£135
Process server	£32	£23
Psychiatrist	£135	£90
Psychologist	£117	£90
Radiologist	£135	£135
Rheumatologist	£135	£135
Risk assessment expert	£63	£63
Speech therapist	£99	£99
Surveyor	£50	£50
Telecoms expert	£90	£90
Toxicologist	£135	£135
Urologist	£135	£135
Vet	£90	£90
Voice recognition	£117	£90

15 - Remuneration of barristers in independent practice

Table 15

<i>Category</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>
Junior counsel in the County Court	£112.50 (Non-London Rate) £135 (London Rate)
Senior counsel alone or leading in the High Court	£135
Led junior counsel in the High Court, Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court	£112.50
Leading senior counsel in the Court of Appeal	£157.50
Queen's Counsel (where approved for briefing or instruction by us) in the High Court or Court of Appeal	£180
Leading senior counsel in the Supreme Court	£180
Queen's Counsel (where approved for briefing or instruction by us) in the Supreme Court	£225
Noter/Pupil/2nd led junior counsel	£36

For the purposes of this Table "junior counsel" means a barrister in independent practice of less than 10 years call and "senior counsel" means a barrister in independent practice of 10 years call or more.