

PARTNER

Claire Horton

Claire is a Partner in the Medical Negligence team.

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

📍 Manchester, England

0161 268 0069

✉ Claire.Horton@fieldfisher.com

in Connect on LinkedIn

LOCATIONS

United Kingdom



I am a medical negligence lawyer in the **Manchester clinical negligence team**, with 30 years' experience of very successfully concluding the cases of my clients, who are often catastrophically injured.

I have settled numerous significant cases, achieving substantial compensation in complex cases, including in particular many relating to **birth injury**. This has often required the application of unique solutions to ensure that the lifelong needs of my clients can be fully met.

I have achieved excellent and hard fought successes in many highly complex and 'difficult to win' cases. I work with many clients who are unable to manage their affairs and am skilled at working with teams of experts, case managers, treating therapists and **Court of Protection Deputies** to achieve the best results for my clients.

Chambers Directory, 2019 – a 'careful and considerate approach....She understands how to put a case together and get it moving'

Chambers Directory, 2018 – combining 'enormous empathy with legal skill and tenacity in pursuing her client's cases'

I have achieved substantial levels of compensation in a wide variety of high value cases including delayed cancer diagnosis, failure to prevent stroke, failure to provide

Vitamin K to a new-born baby and the delayed diagnosis of brain tumours. I have a particular interest in cases relating oxygen deprivation at birth causing both cerebral palsy and none-cerebral palsy (atypical) injury and injuries caused in the neonatal period.

I have recently secured several final settlements of between £15 million and £30 million (lifelong capitalised equivalent) ensuring that the accommodation, therapy and care needs of the respective clients will always be met. I have achieved liability settlements in several further cases which will also settle for or be awarded similar levels of compensation, calculated at current rates.

I have established case law which allows compensation for a statistical reduction in years of life expectation. I have also obtained compensation for the majority of lifelong care, rather than the additional care only, where the negligently caused injury was to a person who would already have required some care due to an underlying non-negligently caused condition.

I have been a long term member of the specialist clinical negligence panels of Action Against Medical Accidents (AvMA) and the Law Society which both require excellent standards in their panellists. I am designated as a Senior Litigator in the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

In my spare time I enjoy reading and conversing about novels, participating actively in local politics and walking in wild places.

What others say...

“ Claire Horton possesses strong expertise in obstetric and neonatal brain injury cases. One client remarks: "She is enormously dedicated to her clients and she moves cases forward with energy." ”

Chambers & Partners 2020