

# Non-Medical Expert Information Sheet



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I have over 20 years of experience in the automotive industry, including leading a litigation department for a major car hire company and working extensively within the care sector under both the Mental Health Act and the Mental Capacity Act.

Since 2018, I have specialised in personal transport assessments, initially with Personal Mobility Solutions Ltd and from December 2025, as an independent Personal Transport Expert Witness. I provide comprehensive transport assessments for clients with diverse disabilities and transport needs, acting on both a treating and consulting basis. My work includes Expert Witness transport reports compliant with Part 35, with referrals received from solicitors, case managers and occupational therapists.

I assess between 70 and 90 clients per year across the UK, covering both passenger and driver requirements including wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) solutions and complex adaptive driving needs. My reports are detailed, unbiased and evidence-based, designed to assist the court and support fair outcomes. I have been instructed on multiple high-value cases, including one that resulted in a seven-figure settlement.

In addition to formal assessments, I provide ongoing consultation on accessible transport solutions and currently manage a caseload of approximately 50 active cases. I regularly liaise with solicitors, case managers and occupational therapists to source and evaluate adapted vehicles, ensuring that each recommendation is fit for purpose and tailored to the client's functional needs.

I maintain current expertise in vehicle adaptations and industry standards, working closely with major UK adaptation companies and attending regular seminars, training days and refresher courses. My reports include full lifetime cost analysis, adaptation options and replacement cycles, ensuring long-term suitability and transparency.

I have delivered training to legal professionals, including sessions for Fletchers and Premex, and have been invited to speak at national conferences for organisations such as Medico Legal, Cloisters and Jane James & Associates. Across all work I am committed to promoting independence and enabling safe, appropriate transport solutions for individuals living with disabilities.

## Average delivery time for report, 3 – 4 weeks from assessment date

### Training & Experience

- Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference (CPD) 2025
- Advanced Driving Instructors – Driving with Adaptions QEF 2024
- April 2024 - QEF Aviation Course - Flying with a (CPD)
- March 2024 - Guest speaker Jane James & Associates
- Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (CPD)
- April 2020 - Bond Solon Expert Witness certificate
- September 2020 - Guest speaker Cloisters Technical conference (CPD)
- September 2019 - Head First Conference (CPD)
- October 2019 - Bond Solon Expert in report writing (CPD)
- June 2017 – Level 3 Listening & Counselling Skills, NVQ Advanced Business & Management Course

### Areas of Expertise

- Driver and passenger, including drive from wheelchair
- Transport requirements for children
- Primary or secondary driving controls
- Complex driving controls
- Vehicle adaption & conversion
- Motorhomes & campervans
- Horseboxes & Agricultural

## Costs

### Expert Client Assessment

£450 per hour  
(Average 1-2 hours)

### Expert Report Compilation (Part 35 report)

£250 per hour  
(Average 5-6 hours)

### Additional fees for Conference/Joint Statement (inc further consultation/updates/amendments)

£250 per hour

### Travel costs/journey time including overnight stays

£85 per hour plus £1.10 per mile

### DESKTOP Expert Transport Assessment (Part 35 report compilation, evidence/documentation review & research)

£2,500 (Fixed Fee)

% Work for the claimant

70%

% Work for the defendant

10%

% Joint report

20%

### Court Appearance

£1500 per day plus expenses

### Cancellation

less than 24hrs

Full rate

24 hrs to 6 days

Half rate

7 days or over

No charge

Prices effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### **Terms & Conditions**

*I am committed to regulatory compliance with all professional bodies in relation to instructions received on behalf of clients and the provision of reports.*

*I am compliant with the legislative and regulatory requirements governing our practice including data protection and storage. Adequate professional indemnity and liability is in place and renewed annually.*

*The above fees and expenses will be charged from the date that official written instructions are agreed from said solicitor, representative, authorised persons or organizations.*

*All fees will be charged to the instructing solicitor, under their direction, who will be responsible for payment. Accounts will be submitted at regular periods as each reporting phase is completed and upon release of the report. Account payments to be remitted within 30 days with terms agreed subject to individual requests and circumstances as per their letter of instruction.*