BACKGROUND

Carter Brown was founded in 2001 in response to demand for a high-quality service that offered specialist expert witnesses. Our office base is in Nottinghamshire, though we operate a national service.

We provide expert witness assessments to solicitors, local authorities, courts, panels and private organisations. Our trusted expert base comprises of psychologists, psychiatrists, paediatricians and independent social workers. We predominantly undertake assessments in the field of family law proceedings, alongside criminal law, immigration/asylum, prison/parole and tribunals.

We receive around 1400 referrals per month across all disciplines nationwide. Assessments can be undertaken in person or remotely offering you variety and flexibility of work.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE WITH CARTER BROWN

• Working in partnership with a national company, with a reputation for high quality assessments and an in-depth knowledge and experience in this field.
• Access to a high number and range of referrals nationwide.
• Allocation of assessments which suit your expertise and caseload requirements which can be accommodate alongside your other commitments.
• Marketing your skills to a bank of 3,000 clients through the provision of your CV and other marketing exercises.
• Our Quality Assurance team provide a compulsory proof reading service that includes content, spelling and grammar checks, offering a final check of your report before filing to the client.
• Access to professional case consultation, including pre court preparation.
• Administrative support from a dedicated and experienced Case Handler.
• Guaranteed 45-day payment terms - we take on both the worry and the debt in respect of collecting your assessment fees from clients. We pay you within our agreed timescales irrespective of when we are paid. We employ a department responsible for
all invoicing and credit control so you can focus on your next piece of work, rather than chasing fees.

- We provide regular FREE training days for our associates to support your CPD.
- By joining our service you are joining more than just an agency. We regularly disseminate articles from appropriate journals and Government initiatives/policy drives on subjects you may find relevant to your work.
- We ensure that all your documentation (personal indemnity insurance, DBS check and practising certificates) are kept up to date. We can also facilitate DBS checks for you where required.

THE TEAM

We have excellent support teams to assist you throughout the life of each assessment you undertake with us. These consist of;

A referrals team: This team will allocate assessments to you based upon your expertise, timescales and location. We are able to provide a flexible approach to the number of assessments you undertake via our service which can be completed alongside full time or part time employment.

Case handlers: upon confirmation of your first case, you will be allocated a single dedicated case handler who will provide you with administration support throughout the life of each of your assessments. They will routinely request and supply you with all the relevant documentation you require to complete your assessment and act as a one point of contact between you and the client. They will deal with your queries accordingly, allowing you to concentrate on the assessment itself.

Quality Assurance Department: Our in house Quality Assurance team will ensure that your report is thoroughly proofread for spelling, grammar and content prior to filing with the client. This service is to ensure a high level of quality is maintained in the reports filed by our service, protecting your and our reputation. They will provide helpful and detailed feedback on your reports with the aim to ensure the final version is to the highest quality.

Accounts: Our efficient accounts team will ensure you are paid on time and deal with any invoice queries on your behalf.

FEES

Our rates of pay to psychologists for a Psychological assessment are as follows:
£65.00 per hour professional time (Assessment of children and adults)
£28.00 per hour travelling time
£0.45 pence per mile or public transport costs
£81.25 – £111.25 (location dependent) per night if overnight stays are necessary.

Single adult £1625 plus mileage and travel
Two adults £2275 plus mileage and travel
One adult and one child plus obs £2200 plus mileage and travel
2 adults and one child plus obs £2925 plus mileage and travel

A cost agreement advising the maximum number of hours estimated for each case is forwarded to associates. If, on receipt of papers it becomes apparent that insufficient hours have been estimated due to the complexity of the case, the amount of papers or additional visits/contact being required, these can be negotiated and agreements adjusted accordingly. However, we do try to keep estimates within the benchmark number of hours published by the Legal Aid Agency in their guidance.

Experts for Carter Brown would be required to register with the ICO

Thank you for taking the time to consider our information sheet, though should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to working with you.