
Whiterose Blackmans Solicitors LLP
Information for clients: Motoring Offences (summary only offences)

Introduction

As part of our professional rules, we aim to ensure that anyone wishing to use our services has the information they need to make an informed choice of legal services provider, including understanding what the costs may be.

Why instruct Whiterose Blackmans Solicitors?

From our offices in Leeds, West Yorkshire, Whiterose Blackmans Solicitors LLP provide the most appropriate advice and representation in Criminal Law cases, both Legal Aid and privately funded.

Our experienced Criminal Defence Team have been defending successfully in serious, complex and high-profile criminal cases and we have an excellent reputation for our criminal defence work. We provide a quality service from the Police Station to the Court of Appeal in Legal Aid and privately funded cases.

We have a huge amount of experience of advising and representing people accused of offences, ranging from Speeding to Causing Death by Dangerous Driving. Our proven track record in helping people keep their licence is well known. We will fight for you where others won't. Unlike many national firms, we will not refer work to self-employed agents. We will allocate you a specialist solicitor who will be available to you throughout the process.

Motoring offence, summary onlyⁱ **Guilty Plea**

Our Fees

Fixed Fee: £400 + vat
Hearing in a court located in West Yorkshire

Fixed Fee: £400 + vat + travel costs
Hearing in a court located outside of West Yorkshire (England & Wales)

What is included?

- Attendance and preparation;
- Considering evidence;
- Taking your instructions;

- Providing advice on likely sentence;
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court. If the matter is adjourned to a further hearing, then additional costs will be incurred.

What is not included?

- Instruction of any expert witnesses;
- Taking statements from any witnesses;
- Advice and assistance in relation to a Special Reasonsⁱⁱ hearing;
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

Key stages involved

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you intend to enter a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing. They typically include:

- Meet with you to take your instructions on what happened;
- Consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice;
- Explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the Court;
- Conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you, if necessary, and answer any follow up queries you have;
- Attend court on the day, meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day.
- Discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

Please note we cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listings.

Motoring offence, summary only Trial (not guilty plea matter)

Our Fees

Fixed Fee: £1,200 + vat
Hearing in a court located in West Yorkshire

Fixed Fee: £1,200 + vat + travel costs
Hearing in a court located outside of West Yorkshire (England & Wales)

What is included?

- Attendance and/or preparation;
- Considering evidence;
- Taking your instructions;

- Instruction of any expert witnesses;
- Taking statements from any witnesses that are able to attend our office;
- Advice and assistance in relation to a Special Reasonsⁱⁱⁱ hearing;
- Providing advice on likely sentence;
- Attendance and representation at all hearings at the Magistrates Court including trial.

What is not included?

- Expert fees, for example: medical reports, interpreters or translator costs;
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

Key stages involved

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you intend to enter a not guilty plea and will in due course have a trial in respect of your matter. They typically include:

- Meet with you to take your instructions on what happened;
- Consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice;
- Arranging to take any witness statements or instructing an expert if relevant
- Explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing;
- Conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you, if necessary, and answer any follow up queries you have;
- Attend court on the day, meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day.
- Preparing for trial and this will include taking further instructions from you if necessary
- Explaining trial procedure;
- Advising on Sentencing Powers for the court;
- Representing you at trial (this could last up to a full day in court);
- Discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

Please note we cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day and the court availability for future hearings.

Our Motoring Offences Team

Tahir Mahmood

Head of The Criminal Defence Department and Solicitor – Advocate

Tahir qualified as solicitor in 2005 and specialises in criminal defence work. Tahir is a duty solicitor and regularly represents clients at the police station and the courts. In

addition, Tahir has higher rights, which allow him to undertake advocacy in the crown court.

Kamran Hussain **Criminal Defence Solicitor and Managing Partner**

Kamran qualified as a solicitor in 2005, and has been nationally recognised for his work, with a string of awards to his name. Kamran has extensive experience in advising and representing clients both at the police station and the courts. Kamran is the Senior Partner of Whiterose Blackmans Solicitors LLP.

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ⁱ A summary only offence is an offence which can only be tried in the magistrates' court. There are exceptions. Under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (CJA 1988) offences specified in the Act can be tried on indictment by a jury if they are linked to an offence triable only in the Crown Court. The principal summary only offences are:

- driving whilst disqualified
- careless and inconsiderate driving
- failing to give information as to the identity of the driver
- failing to stop or report, and
- speeding.

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