Lifecycle of a general practice clinical negligence claim

NHS Resolution

1. Letter of Notification or request for records (if from solicitors notify **NHS Resolution**)
2. Letter of Claim, containing allegations (notify **NHS Resolution**)
3. NHS Resolution may obtain independent expert evidence and assess the strength of the case
4. Letter of Response - where admissions are indicated the defendant gives permission and an apology will usually be sent
5. If the Letter of Response is challenged, NHS Resolution will plan next steps
6. If the claim cannot be resolved, the claimant may issue a claim form and Particulars of Claim detailing the allegations
7. Defendant serves defence
8. Case management and costs conference - court sets directions and budgets
9. Mutual disclosure of relevant documentation
10. Mutual exchange of witness statements
11. Mutual exchange of expert liability evidence
12. Claimant serves a schedule of loss and evidence in support
13. Defendant serves a counter-schedule of loss and evidence in support
14. Experts meet to narrow issues and produce joint statement
15. Further attempt at dispute resolution
16. Pre-trial review to confirm steps needed before trial
17. Trial preparation
18. Trial