

West v Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

Key guidance from the Court of Appeal on costs recovery

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This webinar reviews the important Court of Appeal judgment in *West v Stockport NHS Foundation Trust*, giving important guidance to help practitioners with costs recovery, including:

- What does proportionality mean?
- What steps can practitioners take to ensure that, and demonstrate, costs are proportionate so as to assist on recovery at detailed assessment or in negotiations?
- Can the Court reduce the recoverable element of ATE premiums in clinical negligence claims?
- What advice and information needs to be given to clients about ATE cover and costs?
- What information or evidence will be required about ATE on assessment of costs?



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