

## **BENEFITS OF LAWYER SERVICE MEMBERSHIP 2021 – 22**

### **1. Experts:**

**1.1 Unlimited Access to AvMA's Expert Data Base:** AvMA maintains one of the most comprehensive databases of the best and most experienced medical experts in the field of clinical negligence litigation. Experts do not pay to be on our database, they are assessed and vetted by our experienced staff.

**1.2 Judicial comments on experts:** Increasingly judges are commenting on expert's behaviour at trial. Where AvMA becomes aware of any comments, the case will be cited next to the expert's name, the case citation will be passed on to lawyers where the expert is recommended.

**1.3 Tailored advice on choice of expert:** There are times when it can be difficult to identify the right medical speciality to advise on liability and/or causation. Our team of experienced lawyers and medics can talk through your needs and offer advice on the best medical expert to support your case.

**1.4 Recommendations and turnaround times:** Requests for experts are usually met within 24 hours. Where possible, we will provide you with two relevant experts for each request.

**1.5 Engagement with experts:** Uniquely, AvMA regularly engages with its experts through its Expert Newsletter to help keep them up to date with medico-legal practice.

**1.6 Reviewing medico legal report:** From time-to-time lawyers advise that they have received a medical report that "doesn't feel right" and they want a second opinion. The lawyer service team are on hand to assist you or your client with this.

### **2. Lawyers Support Group meetings and webinars (LSG):**

2.1 LSGs are free to all lawyer service members who have subscribed to the service.

2.2 **Education:** LSGs aim to support and supplement clinical negligence lawyers medical and legal knowledge by arranging for speakers who are experts in their field to present on subjects which are relevant to the field of Medical negligence practice.

2.3 LSG presentations take place through actual and virtual meetings. They offer important opportunities for lawyers to meet, network and exchange ideas with other legal colleagues. AvMA's LSGs are well organised, popular and attract CPD points.