complaint

Mr O complains NewDay Ltd didn't tell him there would be a 3% fee when he carried out a money transfer on his NewDay credit card account. He's also unhappy with how his complaint was handled.

background

Mr O has two credit card accounts with NewDay. One card is Aqua and the other is Marble. Initially Mr O was looking to do a balance transfer from one card to the other. But the adviser said that wasn't permitted because both the cards were NewDay cards. He did say that Mr O could do a money transfer instead and then use the money to pay off the balance on the other card. Mr O decided to go with a money transfer.

The adjudicator didn't recommend the complaint be upheld. He thought the advisor did make Mr O aware of the 3% fee and that it wasn't refundable and that Mr O had agreed to the fee and the money transfer. He also thought the terms and conditions of the money transfer clearly state the fee is non-refundable. The adjudicator didn't find any evidence from the contact notes, written correspondence or calls he had listened to that NewDay's advisers had been rude.

Mr O feels he shouldn't have to pay the fee as he doesn't think the charges were clear.

my findings

I've considered all the available evidence and arguments to decide what's fair and reasonable in the circumstances of this complaint.

I agree with the adjudicator the adviser did make it clear that there would be a 3% fee and he did so more than once. There is some evidence – particularly towards the end of the call – that Mr O wasn't giving the call his full attention. This may explain why he doesn't recall the fee. But I don't think I can hold NewDay responsible for this as the adviser was clear. I therefore won't be ordering NewDay to refund the fee.

I understand that Mr O feels NewDay complaint handlers were rude. The adjudicator asked Mr O to provide more information so he could investigate this further. Mr O hasn't provided anymore information. And based on the evidence I have listened to and seen I don't see anything to persuade me that NewDay has been rude.

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my final decision

My decision is that I do not uphold this complaint.

Under the rules of the Financial Ombudsman Service, I'm required to ask Mr O to accept or reject my decision before 7 January 2019.

Nicola Wood ombudsman