**GP Private Work Fees and Charges**

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| To whom it may concern letter | £30 |
| Private sick note / prescription | £20 |
| Medical Report | £90 |
| Passport Form (signing) | £30 |
| Vaccination Certificate | £15 |
| Travel cancellation report | £50 |
| Fit to Fly (pregnancy) letter\* | £30 |
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| HGV / PSV Medical examination and Report | £100 |
| Full medical examination and Report\*\* | £150 |
| Childminding Application (OFSTED) | £85 |
| AH1 Adoption / Fostering medical | £100 |
| AH2 Updating Report | £25 |

\*not applicable for patients expecting twins or under care of antenatal team

\*\*some examinations such as sight and hearing cannot be completed at the surgery

\*\*\*Please be aware, the practice may refuse requests at its discretion

**Please note:**

Mental Capacity / Lasting Power of Attorney assessments are NOT completed by our practice.

**Cash prepayment** of applicable fees is required for requests to be accepted – where requests cannot be fulfilled, you will be contacted, and a refund will be made.

We aim to return private requests within **30 working days** **of prepayment date**.

**FAQs**

The following Questions and Answers are taken from advice by the British Medical Association (BMA) to help patients understand the fees charged by GP’s.

**1. Do GP’s have to do non-NHS work for their patients?**

With certain limited exceptions such as a GP confirming that a patient is not fit for jury service GP’s DO NOT have to carry out non-NHS work. Many GP’s, however, will always attempt to assist their patients and carry out this work.

**2. Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form/letter?**

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of patients. GP’s have an ever-increasing workload of forms which must be prioritised against offering appointments.

**3. I only need the GP’s signature—what’s the problem?**

When a GP signs a certificate, completes a report, or writes a letter it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register (which allows them to practice as a doctor) that they only sign what they know to be true. To complete even the simplest of forms the doctor may have to check a patient’s **entire** medical record.

Carelessness or inaccuracy can have serious consequences for the doctor with the General Medical Council (the doctor’s regulatory body) or even the Police.

**4. Who sets the fees and why do different doctors charge different fees?**

The BMA suggest fees that may be charged in certain circumstances.

However, these are intended for guidance only. Doctors are not obliged to charge the rates suggested by the BMA and the fee levels will generally reflect the amount of work and time involved.

**5. Why do GP’s charge for the completion of cremation forms?**

A deceased person cannot be cremated until the cause of death is known and properly recorded. Before cremation takes place two certificates must be signed, one by the GP and one by another doctor. The completion of these forms is not part of a doctor’s NHS duties, and the fees are usually charged to the funeral director who generally passes on the cost to the family.

These fees are agreed with the National Association of Funeral Directors, the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors and Co-operative Funeral Care.

Death Certificates are a separate form and are completed free of charge.

**6. What notice is needed for completion of reports and letters?**

To allow the practice to plan the GP’s time 4 weeks’ notice is required although many are completed within this time. Where a patient has an urgent request, this should be explained to the receptionist who will note the request however it is not always possible for other more clinically urgent work to be delayed.