

Private Fees and Charges

Why do GP's charge fees?

Your questions answered

The National Health Service provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are exceptions. Prescription charges have existed since 1951, and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. Sometimes the charge is made to cover some of the cost of treatment, for example dental fees. In other cases, it is because the service isn't covered by the NHS, for example, medical reports for insurance companies, claims on private health insurance and other letters and forms which require the doctor to review the patient's medical records.

It is important to understand that GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed, and they have to cover their costs- staff, buildings, heating, lighting etc- in the same way as any small business

The NHS pays the doctor for specific NHS work, but for non-NHS the fee has to cover the doctor's costs

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients. In recent years, more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a whole range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that GP's, are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community, or because an insurance company or employer wants to be sure that information provided is true and accurate

Examples of non-NHS services for which GP's can charge their patients

- Certain travel vaccinations
- Private medical insurance reports
- Holiday cancellation forms
- Referral for private care forms
- Letters requested by or on behalf of, the patient
- In certain instances, fitness to work forms

Examples of non-NHS services for which GP's can charge other institutions are?

- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the DSS/Benefits agency
- Examinations of local authority employees

Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his/her patients. Most GP's have a very heavy workload- the majority of GP's work up to 60 hours a week and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time. In addition, non-NHS work must be undertaken outside of NHS contracted time.

I only need the doctor's signature-what is the problem

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. Therefore, in order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor needs to check the patient's entire record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor, with the General Medical Council or even the Police

See Private Fees Schedule for Charges.

Private Fees Schedule

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Fees for services not provided under the NHS

The services shown are not provided under the National Health Service contract and the following fees will be charged. If you have any questions relating to these fees, please address them to your Doctor or the Practice Manager before requesting the service.

LETTER TYPE	UPTO the following Charges
Private Sick Note (Less Than 1 Week)	£ 30.00
Letter Using Notes (Not Fit For – But Can Do Letter Stating Conditions)	£ 50.00
Travel Cancellation Form	£ 60.00 (Simple) £ 100 (Complex)
Detailed Report Or Pro-Forma	£ 60.00 (Simple) £ 100 (Complex)
Written Report For Patient	£ 100.00
Written Report For Solicitors	£ 150.00+
Taxi Medical	£ 140.00
Other Medicals (Including Adopting/Fostering)	£ 140.00
Life Insurance	From £150.00
Proof Of Residency (Confirmation Of Registration & Extra Additional Information)	For 1 Person £ 30 For A Family £ 50
Request For Copy Of Paper Notes For Third Party Request (Will Not Be Posted. Will Need To Be Collected From Us By A Courier Or The Registered Patient)	£ 50.00
Free From Infection Certificate	£ 50.00
Pre-Employment Medical	£150

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(i.e. Paramedic Emigration Medical – All Tests Charged)	
DNA TESTING (VIA SOLICITOR)	£ 80.00
HEPATITIS B (Not For Occupational – GP Is Not Obligated To Provide – If Required For Travel Charge Applies)	£ 50.00 £ 150.00 - If 3 Required

****WE WILL NOT DO****

NO FIT TO PERFORM

NO BLUE BADGE

NO FIRE ARMS

NO FITNESS TO ATTEND

NO PRIVATE PRESCRIPTIONS

NO FLU – Cannot Charge Non-Eligible For NHS Patients Who Want Flu Vaccine