

Private Fees and Charges

Why do GPs charge fees?

The National Health Service provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are some exceptions. For example prescription charges have existed since 1951 and in other cases charges are made because the service isn't covered by the NHS such as medical reports for insurance companies, letters and forms which require the doctor to review the patient's medical records and some travel vaccinations.

It is important to understand that GPs 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 services the Practice needs to charge a fee to cover the doctor's costs.

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The government's contract with GPs 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 GPs 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 GPs 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 GPs can charge other institutions

- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the DWP/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 GPs have a very heavy workload 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.

VAT

The practice is registered for VAT and, where stated, VAT is included in our fees.

Fees for services not provided under the NHS

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

GENERAL	
<p>Copies and access to Medical Records (Patient):</p> <p>Health records held on computer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full Set - Summary <p>Health records held in part on computer and in part manually</p> <p>Health records held manually</p> <p>Fee to allow patients access to their own health records where no copy is required</p>	No charge for any of this information
Vaccination History	No charge
<p>Private Sick Note – Simple and no opinion</p> <p>Private Sick Report – Complex and no opinion</p> <p>Private Sick Report – Detailed report & opinion</p>	<p>£26.00</p> <p>£62.50</p> <p>£124.50</p>
Photo Copying of Medical Notes (Private Company)	No charge
To Whom It May Concern Letter (GP opinion) (including Cambridge diet forms and water sure scheme)	£42.00 (inc VAT)
Blue Badge Appeal (disabled parking)	£36.00 (inc VAT)
<p>DNA Test – private</p> <p>Blood test</p>	<p>£72.00 (inc VAT)</p> <p>£30.00 (inc VAT)</p>
Fostering & Adoption – Medical & Report	£140 (inc VAT)
<p>Assessment of Capacity</p> <p>Power of attorney</p>	We do not offer this service
Passport photo signature	We do not offer this service
Carers Care Break	£24.00 (inc VAT)

Performing Arts	£24.00 (inc VAT)
GP's signature	£24.00 (inc VAT)
EMPLOYMENT	
Employment, Pre-Employment Medical and Report	£240.00 (inc VAT)
Employment, Pre-Employment Report (No Examination)	£150.00 (inc VAT)
INSURANCE	
Simple questions	£15 per question
Simple Certificate – no opinion	£26.00
Complex report or extract from Medical Records – no opinion	£62.50
Medical Assessment Reports (no medical)	£124.50
DRIVING	
Driver Insurance Form – without Medical	£100.00 (inc VAT)
Driver Insurance D4 Form – with Medical	£140.00 (inc VAT)
TRAVEL	
Fitness to Travel	£42.00 (inc VAT)
Fitness to Travel Statement with Medical	£240.00 (inc VAT)
Cancellation of Holiday Claim Form	£42.00 (inc VAT)

Travel and other Vaccination fees

Vaccination	Price	Quantity	Protection
Combined Hepatitis A & B Vaccination	Free	3 doses	See individual vaccines.
Combined Hepatitis A & Typhoid Vaccination	Free	1 dose	See individual vaccines.
Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio Vaccination	Free	1 dose	10 years
Hepatitis A Vaccination	Free	2 doses	20 years
Hepatitis B Vaccination	We do not offer	3 doses	5 years
Influenza Vaccination (for non-qualifying patients)	We do not offer	1 dose	1 year
Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination	We do not offer	2 doses	1 year
Prescription charges e.g. Malaria Tablets.	No charge		
Meningitis ACWY Vaccination including certificate	We do not offer	1 dose	5 years
Pneumococcus Vaccination	Free	1 dose	6 years
Rabies Vaccination	We do not offer	3 doses	3-5 years

Vaccination	Price	Quantity	Protection
Tick Borne Encephalitis Vaccination	We do not offer	3 doses	3 years
Typhoid Vaccination	Free	1 dose	3 years

VAT is not applicable to our vaccination prices