

Non-NHS Work – Private Work

Please read this document which will explain how our Private Services work. All fees payable in advance by card payment before consultation or completion of paperwork

Why are fees charged?

The government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients. However, in recent years more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a wide range of non NHS work. This work is not funded by the government, so GP's have to charge a fee to cover their time and other expenses.

Surely the doctor is being paid anyway?

It is important to understand that many GP's are not employed by the NHS. They are self-employed and they must cover the costs of everything from the limited NHS funds provided – staff wages, buildings, heating, lighting, etc – in the same way as any small business. The NHS covers costs for NHS work, but not for non-NHS work, the fees charged by GP's contribute towards keeping the surgery running.

Do GP's have to do non-NHS work for their patients?

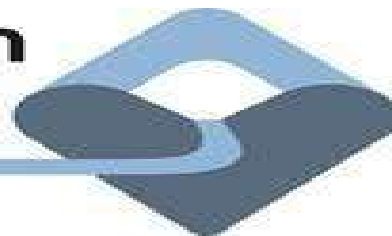
With certain limited exceptions, GP's **do not** have to carry out non-NHS work. Many GP's however will always attempt to assist their patients and carry out this work.

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

Time spent completing forms & preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of patients which will always have top priority. We aim to complete non-NHS work within two to six weeks of receipt of request, and a time frame can not be guaranteed. This work is often done in a GP's own time as can not be completed in NHS core time.

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. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor may have to check a patient's entire medical record.



FEES FOR PRIVATE (NON NHS) SERVICES

• Simple forms and certificates – no examination	£30
• Proof of registration	£50
• University Letter	£50
• Passport Form/Photograph	£50
• Private Sick Note	£75
• Fit to attend School Letter	£35
• Private Health Insurance Claim Form	£50
• School Fees Insurance Claim Form	£50
• Sickness or Accident Insurance Benefit	£50
• Shotgun Licence	£120
• Seat Belt Exemption Letter	£50
• Fitness for Health Club Letter	£50
• Fitness to Travel	£50

Written Reports – without examination (For registered patients only. £50 surcharge for non-patients)

• Full Medical report (For any authority request)	£150
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Written Reports with Medical Examination with GP (For registered patients only, £50 surcharge for non-patients)

• LGV/PCV or Taxi Driver Report	£150
• Sports Medical	£150
• Taxi Driver Report	£150
• Pre-Employment Medical	£150

Travel Clinic (Not available on NHS) Fee to be taken at time of booking appointment – to cover vaccines bought in especially.

• Initial Consultation and general advice + Typhoid, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and Hep A vaccination (Patients only) via medilink	£Nil
• Private Prescription fee (Non NHS Travel Drugs) per vaccination	£TBC £10 admin
• Hepatitis B fee per vaccination	£TBC £10 admin
• Other Vaccination for travel abroad (Plus vaccine cost) fee per vaccination	£TBC £10 admin

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