

Fees for Non-NHS Services (updated March 2022)

Adoption and Fostering	Who pays	Charge
Adoption fees normally paid by parent; fostering by NHS, but sometimes paid by the adoption/fostering agency		
Form IHA Initial Health Assessment		£120.00
Form AH Health assessment, Prospective carer		£77.07
Form AH2 Update report, parent/carers		£25.00
Certificates and forms	Who pays	Charge
Freedom from infection certificate	Patient	£15.00
Letter re fitness to exercise, travel, weight watchers, slimming world compete cycling race or marathon etc – with no exam	Patient	£35.00
Private Sick Note (<i>any sick note within 7 days is private</i>)	Patient	£25.00
Provident Association claim form (<i>e.g. BUPA/PPP</i>)	Patient	£35.00
Dentists, completion of Application for first registration of a dentist (<i>GDC</i>)	Patient	£70.00
Camp America	Patient	£35.00
Dental Council (<i>General</i>)	Patient	£35.00
Student Health Forms (<i>DSA etc</i>) <i>Advise Patient of Costs before giving to secretaries</i>	Patient	£35.00
Welsh Water Assist	Patient	£20.00
Driving	Who pays	Charge
Taxi Medical	Patient	£130.00
PSV Medical	Patient	£130.00
HGV Medical	Patient	£130.00
Employment/Insurance	Who pays	Charge
Full medical with report or	Patient/Employer/Insurance	£170.00

certificate (<i>private/insurance - 45mins</i>)		
Report without examination (<i>private/insurance -30mins</i>)	Patient/Employer/Insurance	£150.00
Report on Pro-forma (<i>20mins</i>)	Patient/Employer/Insurance	£130.00
Questionnaire	Patient/Employer/Insurance	£120.00
Letter to disclose History eg. Heart Disease	Patient/Employer/Insurance	£60.00
GP supplementary report (<i>Check fee with GP</i>)	Insurance Company	£27.00
Holiday Insurance Claim form completion	Patient	£40.00
Local Authority/Police/NHS	Who pays	Charge
Shotgun or Firearms Medical Report	Patient	£50.00
Letters	Who pays	Charge
To whom it may concern (<i>GP to decide fee depending on length</i>)	Patient	£35.00
Private Prescription	Who pays	Charge
Private sick note/prescription	Patient	£35.00
Travel Abroad	Who pays	Charge
Pregnant Woman's Medical Certificate Attesting Fitness to Fly <i>noting their good health and indicating the baby's expected date of birth</i>	Patient	£20.00
Fitness to travel certificate - pre-existing illness	Patient	£30.00
Vaccination certificate	Patient	£30.00

Why do GP's charge fees?

The National Health Service provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are exceptions. 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 of insurance companies, claims on private health insurance and other letters and forms which require the doctor to review the patient's medical record.

It is important to understand that GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and they must 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 work the fee has to cover the doctor's costs. Our fees are calculated based on our GPs Private hourly rate.

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 request by, or on behalf of, the patient**
- **In certain instances fitness to work forms**
- **HGV/LGV/PCV examinations**

Examples of non-NHS services for which GPs can charge other institutions

- **Medical reports for an insurance company**
- **Some reports for the DSS/Benefit 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 heavy workload – the majority of GPs work up to 60 hours per 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 may need to check the patient's entire record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor, with the General Medical or even the police.