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Non NHS funded services Your questions answered

Why do we charge for some of our services?

The NHS provides most healthcare free of charge to the patient and this includes GP services such as:

- Advice on health problems
- Routine examinations and treatment
- Referrals to other health services and social services
- Some prescriptions
- Childhood immunisations

However there are some exceptions where a fee is payable by the patient or a third party because the service is not covered by NHS funding. GPs get numerous requests to complete services that fall into these non NHS funded categories every week, and this adds up to a lot of additional work.

Which services are chargeable?

Forms and other services completed by a GP or Nurse such as:

- Private certificates requested by a third party, eg: an employer requesting a medical certificate
- Reports for health clubs, schools, sports clubs
- Insurance claim forms, eg: holiday cancellations, private health insurance
- Accident/sickness claim forms, eg: loan protection, BUPA, AXA PPP
- Countersignature or verification of your identity, eg: driving licences, passports (Your GP must have known you for a minimum of 2 years)
- Childminder's OFSTED report
- Medical Examinations, eg: employment, HGV, driving, sports
- Travel immunisations, eg: Yellow fever (refer to fees list for all payable immunisations)
- Some overseas visitor
- Access to medical records

How much do I have to pay and who decides this?

All GP practices charge for these services and there is no fixed rate for fees. We have set our fees following recommendations from the British Medical Association (BMA). A list of our fees list is available at on our web site or at reception.

But I only need the doctor's signature?

When completing even the simplest of forms or providing only a signature, GPs still have to check the medical records before signing as they are held accountable for what they are asked to sign.

Who should I give my form/request to?

All forms/requests should be handed in or discussed at the reception desk.

Please do not hand your form to the doctor. This may cause a delay in your form being processed.

How can I pay?

We accept the following forms of payment:

- Cash
- Personal cheque