

Private Fees (Non-NHS work) – Information for Patients & 3rd Parties

The Government's contract with GPs covers medical services to NHS patients, including the provision of ongoing medical treatment. In recent years, however, 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 ensure that information provided to them is accurate and true.

The BMA (British Medical Association) suggest fees for non-NHS work which is not covered under GP's NHS contract, to help GPs set their own professional fees. However these are guidelines only, not recommendations, and a doctor is not obliged to charge the suggested rates. Our rates are calculated based on estimated GP time taken to complete the work, in line with BMA bandings.

Do GPs have to do non-NHS work for their patients?

With certain limited exceptions (e.g. a GP confirming that one of their patients is not fit for jury service), GP's **do not** have to carry out non-NHS work on behalf of their patients.

Whilst GPs will always attempt to assist their patients in the completion of forms for example for insurance purposes, they are not required to do such non-NHS work.

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 or her patients. Most GPs have a heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so many GPs find they have to complete this work outside of and in addition to their normal hours.

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. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor might have to check the patient's entire medical record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor with the GMC or even the policy.

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A list of our current fees as at Feb 2024 (to be reviewed each year) is provided below:

All fees must be paid in advance of work being completed and supplied. **We accept credit card and payment by bank transfer only. We do not accept cash or cheques.**

We reserve the right to suspend or extend processing times for private/Non NHS work at any time due to busy periods.

Service	Who Pays	Fee
To whom it may concern letter (short GP letter) to support claims such as housing, school, college, insurance	Patient	£30
Adoption & Fostering – no examination	Parent or Agency	£30
Adoption & Fostering – with examination	Parent or Agency	£68
Private Sick Note (Periods within 7 days)	Patient	£30
Firearm/Shotgun Cert	Patient	£30
Letter to take medication abroad	Patient	£30
'Fitness to' certificate, no examination	Patient	£30
'Fitness to' certificate, with examination	Patient	£68
Holiday cancellation certification – no examination	Patient	£30
Holiday cancellation certification – with examination	Patient	£68
Private medical examinations – HGV, PSV, Taxi, Driving Medicals	Patient	£68
DVLA medical – over 75's	Patient	£48
Private medical/insurance form completion (dependent on time taken)	Patient	£48-£68

Solicitors

Service	Fee
Request for report	£104
Report with examination	£150
Court of Protection (COP3)/Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) with home visit	£140

All requests must have accompanying consent from patients to release information.

Insurance Reports

Service	Fee
Full General Practitioner Report (GPR)	£104
Report with examination	£150
Additional information request	£27

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