

# NON – NHS FEES

## Why do we charge for these services?

The NHS provides most of the health services free of charge. However there are a number of services which fees can be charged for, such as

- accidents/sickness insurance certificates and reports
- access to medical records
- certificates - including sick note for the first week of work absence
- drivers', school and sports medicals
- private prescription for travel abroad
- some vaccinations for travel abroad
- private health insurance claim

## What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The Governments contract with GPs covers **medical** services to NHS patients. However Doctors are involved in a whole range of non-medical work, largely because they hold a position of trust within the community and are in the position to verify the accuracy of information. **If a GP signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a professional duty that s(he) checks the accuracy of such information. This may involve examining the patient's entire medical record.**

If a patient is off work for 7 days or less the GP does not have to provide a sick note. **A patient can be refused a note or charged for a private one for illness of 7 days or less.**

## Why does it take so long for my GP to complete a form or report?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the care of our NHS patients. Paperwork takes up an increasing amount of time.

## I only need a doctor's signature - what is the problem?

When a doctor signs a report or certificate, it is a condition of the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete the simplest of forms, the doctor might have to read a patient's entire medical record.

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<b>Certificates &amp; Forms</b>		
Private sick note (any sick note within 7 days is private)	£15	
Holiday/Travel cancellation certificate; Sickness claim form	£30	
Freedom from infection	£30	£95 (with exam)
Fitness to travel or exercise	£30	£95 (with exam)
Fitness to attend school, holiday club, stage, summer camp, etc..	£30	£95 (with exam)
<b>Occupational Health</b>		
Completion of med student, nurse occupational health form	£95	
Childminder application (Ofsted health declaration form)	£95	
<b>Insurance</b>		
Private insurance claim form (BUPA, PruHealth, Vitality, etc...)	£30	
<b>Reports</b>		
Medical examiners report	£102	£120 (with exam)
<b>Driving</b>		
Medical report (eg. London Taxi & Private Hire Medical Declaration, HGV, PSV, )	£95 (with exam)	
<b>Power of Attorney</b>		
Lasting Power of Attorney	£120 (with exam)	
<b>Private Consultations</b>		
Private consultation	£65	
<b>Travel Vaccinations</b>		
Yellow Fever	£70.00	
Hepatitis B	£40 per dose	