

GUIDE TO FEES – 2019

GENERAL PRIVATE WORK:

Appointment (per 10minutes)	£30
Blood Test	£25
Countersignature – eg Driving licence/Passport	£25
Character reference	£55
Fitness confirmation (eg Education, To exercise/travel)	£35
Form requiring brief Record review	£30
Letter – “To whom it may concern”	£10 to £50 (subject to length and complexity)
Holiday Cancellation Forms	£35
Power of Attorney	£120
Prescription	£30
Medical Claim form - BUPA/PPP/Wesleyan etc	£35
Sick Note – simple/Complex	£25/£35
Straightforward statement of fact/stamp	£15
Medical Certificates	
Simple/Short Certificate	£20
Complex/Long Certificate	£45
Freedom from infection	£30
Vaccination Certificate	£30
Medical Reports	
Medical Examination & Report: <i>Pre-employment / Working abroad/ Accident/ Sickness</i>	£125
Medical report written – no examination	£75
Medical report – proforma – no examination	£50

SPECIFIC PRIVATE WORK:

Adoption / Fostering / Childcare Forms

IHA £65	M, B £51	AH £106	AH2 £27.50	C,D, Y, P, AME £106	DCC Foster Medical £84.24
DCC Childminder Medical Report				£31	
Ofsted Health Declaration				£55	

Criminal Injury (CICA) Claim

CICA Form	£50	Proforma Report	£41.40
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DNA / Paternity

DNA/Paternity test processing	£45 – <i>patient to provide testing kit</i>
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Driving / DVLA

HGV/LGV/PSV/Taxi /Elderly Drivers	£125	Visual Fields Test	£45.50
VOC GP Certificate	£12.50	Seat belt exemption report	£75
Road Traffic Accident – as per RTA 1988			£21.30

Insurance

Insurance Claim form Short/Proforma	£35
Insurance Claim form Long/complex	£65

THE BRIMINGTON SURGERY

Fees for Non-NHS Charges - Frequently Asked Questions:

Not all services performed by our clinicians are covered by the NHS. When patients require non-NHS services a Private Fee will be payable. In general, fees must be paid in full before any private work is carried out.

Surely GPs are already being paid so why are fees charged?

GPs are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and have to cover their costs (staff, buildings, heating, lighting etc.) in the same way as any other small business.

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 NHS, so GPs have to charge a fee to cover their time and related expenses.

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

With certain limited exceptions, your Doctor does not have to carry out non-NHS work however, GPs will always attempt to assist their patients with the completion of forms.

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

Time spent doing this takes GPs away from the medical care of their patients. Our GPs have a heavy workload and duties relating to direct patient care will always be prioritised over extra private work.

I only need a signature, why is there an issue?

A doctor can only sign what they know to be true, so in order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor might have to read a patient's entire medical record.

What will I be charged?

The British Medical Association (BMA – the professional association for doctors) provides a list of suggested fees for guidance purposes. All GP Practices will have different costs and overheads to consider. Doctors are not obliged to charge these suggested rates, and the cost of each service will generally reflect the amount of work and time involved.

How long does the surgery need for the completion of reports, forms and letters?

We ask for 4 weeks' notice although we do try and complete them sooner. Where a patient has an urgent request, this should always be explained to the receptionist who will note the urgency. It may not always be possible to process a request faster since any clinically urgent work will always take precedent.

Why is there sometimes a charge after a road traffic accident?

Under the Road Traffic Act (1988), the first doctor providing emergency treatment to the victim of a road traffic accident is entitled to charge a fee. A fee may be levied for each person treated [as per Section 158(2) of the Road Traffic Act (1988)].

What can I do to help my GP?

Not all documents need a signature by a doctor, for example passport applications. You can ask another person in a position of trust to sign these documents free of charge. If you have several forms requiring completion, present them all at once and ask your GP if they are prepared to complete them at the same time to speed up the process. Do not expect your GP to process forms overnight. Urgent requests may mean that a doctor has to make special arrangements to process the form quickly, and this may cost more.

Road Traffic Accident Policy

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NHS funding does not cover the emergency treatment of road traffic accident (RTA) victims and GPs can charge a fee of £21.30 for each patient consulted. This fee is payable regardless of whether or not the patient is registered with the practice. This is applicable within the first 24/48hours of the accident.

Patients are advised that this fee is payable at the time of the consultation and you may be able reclaim the fee from either your own or the driver at fault's insurance company. This is their legal right that is laid down in statute.

The BMA advises that, since there may be a delay before injuries become apparent, anyone seen within one working day can be deemed an emergency.

If a patient wishes to see a GP for the purposes of record injuries for future medico-legal, this is not covered by the Road Traffic Act does not fall under NHS General Medical Services and the GP may charge their own rate for this work. The practice currently charges £85 for a private patient consultation regarding such an accident.

1.1. External Links:

Road Traffic Act (1988)

BMA Guidance regarding Emergency treatment under the Road Traffic Act (1988)

BMA Professional Fees Committee (PFC)