

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. Our GP's have a heavy workload – paperwork takes up an increasing amount of time

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

When a doctor signs a certificate of report, it is a condition of 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 read a patient entire medical record.

Isn't the NHS supposed to be free?

The NHS provides most health services to people free of charge, but there are some exceptions. Prescriptions charges have existed since 1951. Sometimes a charge is made because the service is not covered by the NHS; for example Medical Reports for Insurance Companies.

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The Government contract with the GP's covers medical services to the NHS patients. Sometimes the only reason that a GP is asked to provide information is because they hold a position of trust in the community, or because an insurance company wants to be sure that the information provided to them is true and correct

Examples of Non- NHS services which GP's can charge their NHS patients:

- Accident/sickness insurance certificates and reports
- Certain travel/holiday vaccinations
- Private medical insurance reports
- Reports for 'fitness to start a diet regime'
- Medicals for HGV/Taxi/PSV
- Elderly Driver Medicals
- Holiday cancellation forms
- Shotgun certificates verification
- Driving licence forms

Examples of non-NHS services which GP's can charge other institutions:

- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the DSS/Benefits Agency
- Examination of local Authority/Ofsted Reports

Please see fees overleaf. Ask at reception for further advice regarding fees for non-NHS services

Medical Examinations & Reports

- HGV/PSV (examination & report) £145.00
- Full Medical & report £180.00
- Taxi Driver Medical £65.00
- Mental Capacity Assessment examination £130.00
- Seat belt exemption examination £75.00

Certificates

- Private sick note £16.00
- Driving licence £32.00
- Fitness to exercise/to work £32.00
- Bus pass £10.00
- Private prescription £16.00
- Shotgun £60.00

Travel

- Fitness to travel certificate £30.00
- Holiday cancellation certificate £32.00
- Vaccination for travel abroad £30.00
- Freedom of infection £30.00

Access to Records (Data Protection)

- Full patient printout £10.00
- Complete manual £50.00
- Photocopies (per copy) £0.25

Vaccinations

- Diphtheria/ Tetanus/Polio FREE
- Hepatitis A FREE
- Typhoid FREE
- Hepatitis B (course of 3 injections) FREE
- Meningitis ACWY (including certificate) £55.00
- Malaria Tablets – Available from the pharmacy
- Certificate for travelling only £30.00

Ask at reception about vaccinations not covered at this practice.

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