**Why do GPs charge for non-NHS services?**

**Is the NHS not free?**

The NHS provides most health care free of charge but there are exceptions, such as prescription charges which have existed since 1951. The charge is made because the cost of the services is not covered under the NHS.

**Surely the doctor is being paid anyway?**

GPs are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and have to cover the costs of running the surgery in the same way as any small business. The NHS covers these costs for NHS services but not for Non NHS services

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

The government’s contract with the GP covers medical services to NHS patients. Other services such as those on this leaflet are not covered under NHS services.

**Why does it sometimes take the GP a long time to complete my form?**

Completion of forms and reports is not NHS work and so is done in addition to the doctors’ normal working week, therefore time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of patients. Most GPs have a heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time. Many GPs find that they have to take some paperwork home at nights and weekends

**I only need a doctor’s signature – What is the problem?**

When a GP signs a certificate or completes a report it is conditional that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest forms the GP must check the patient’s entire medical record

***Adapted from the British Medical Association website***



**New Dover Road**

**Surgery**

**Charges for Non-NHS Services and Travel Vaccinations**

**Certificates, Forms & Letters**

Private Doctor’s Letter £40

Private Medical Insurance Claim £45

Holiday Cancellation Certificates £45

BUPA etc Insurance Forms £45

Child Minder Declaration Form £91

Child Minder Report/OFSTED £29

Disability Evidence Form/ £15

University Forms

**Reports**

Private Medical Report £30 - £120

*(price based on GP and*

*administration staff hourly*

*rates – an estimate will be*

*given on request and*

*final price agreed on*

*completion)*

Canterbury Christchurch Report £21.30

**Private Medicals**

HGV, Taxi, Hackney Carriage, LGV etc £120

*(if report requires you to undergo*

*an optician’s test, please bring*

*receipt from this to your medical*

*appointment, and partial/full cost will be*

*deducted from the total)*

Adoption/Fostering Medical £150

**Other Charges**

Please contact the Surgery to enquire.

Shotgun/Fire Arm Certificates £40

*Please Note – the Surgery is unable to provide the following*:

* Extreme Sports Medicals/Certificates
* COP3
* Mental Capacity Report for Wills
* Countersignature for Passport Photos
* Power of Attorney Reports
* Fitness to Travel
* Life Certificates

**Travel Vaccinations**

Hepatitis B (3 Injections) £125

Meningitis ACWY £70

Rabies (3 injections) £205

Japanese B Encephalitis

(2 injections) £185

Japanese B Encephalitis Booster £105

Tick-Bourne Encephalitis £170

(2 injections)

Exemption Letter £20

**Payment Methods**

We accept payment by cash.

Payment can also be made by bank transfer