**TEMPLE SOWERBY MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**FEES FOR PRIVATE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS CERTIFICATES & REPORTS**

**1st September 2021**

**Service Who Pays Fee**

Access to Health Records SARS Free £0

‘To whom it may concern’ short letter : housing, school etc Patient £30

Adoption and Fostering Agency £TBC

Private Sick Note Patient £30

Private Prescription Patient £15

Firearm/Shotgun Certificate Patient £50

Letter to take medication abroad Patient £30

Fitness to travel letter Patient £30

* with examination Patient £65

Holiday cancellation letter Patient £30

* with examination Patient £65

Ofsted Reports: Childminding / teaching Patient/employer £65

Camp America etc Patient £30

Private Forms: HGV, PSV, Taxi, Driving, Sport, Employment Patient £65

(***Patient must bring form, urine sample and glasses if worn***)

* with examination Patient £110

Driving License or Passport Countersignature/Verification Patient £15

(only for patients that have been known for 2yrs or more)

Sickness / accident short letter or form completion Patient £30

**SOLICITORS**

Request for report completion £65

* with examination £110

Court of Protection / Lasting Power of Attorney £110

**INSURANCE COMPANIES**

Request for report completion (inc GPR) £65

* with examination £110
* Additional information £30

***(Solicitor and Insurance requests must be accompanied with patient consent)***

**OTHER THIRD PARTY REQUESTS**

DVLA Medical Patient / DVLA £TBC

Employer / Occupational Health Reports £65

Army £65

* either of the above with examination £110

**Private Fees (Non NHS work) – Information for patients and third 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 true and accurate.

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, the fees are guidelines only, not recommendations, and a doctor is not obliged to charge the rates suggested. The BMA recommends that GPs tell patients and third parties in advance if they will be charged, and how much. It is up the individual doctor to decide how much to charge.

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

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

Whilst GPs will always attempt to assist their patients with the completion of forms for example for insurance purposes, they are not required to carry out 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 NHS contracted medical care of their patients.

Most GPs have a very heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so most 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 therefore, 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 General Medical Council (the doctors’ regulatory body) or even the police.

**A list of our current fees (to be reviewed every April) is provided above:**

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