**Wycliffe Surgery**

**PRIVATE FEES EXPLAINED**

*Why do I have to pay?*

The NHS will provide most health care to most people free of charge however there are a few exceptions. Charges are made to cover the costs of the treatment or service given to the patient because the treatment or service is not covered by the NHS, being exclusive or particular to the patient’s needs (i.e. travelling, specialised job).

G.P.’s are self-employed and as such have to cover the costs of staff, buildings, heat and light etc. The NHS will cover the costs for NHS work but not the cost for any non-NHS work. Subsequently any fee charged for non-NHS work will cover the G.P.’s cost for providing the service. Some vaccines are charged by the Medical suppliers and are not reimbursed by the NHS, which is also why the patient must pay for it.

The British Medical Association (BMA) issue guidelines on suggested fees although each individual Practice will set their own charges for the services they offer.

*How long does it take to get a report?*

When a G.P. is required to complete a certificate or a medical report this is a condition to remain on the Medical Register. They can only sign what they know to be true. Inaccurate reporting can have serious consequences for the G.P. The G.P. may have to check the patient’s computerised and paper medical notes which can be quite time consuming. Please do not expect the report to be processed immediately and try to give us plenty of time whenever possible.

**THE FEES FOR TREATMENTS AND SERVICES**

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| Private Prescription | £15 |
| Holiday Cancellation/Early Return letter | £25 |
| To whom it may concern letter (depending on the work involved) | £10 to £50 |
| Pre-employment, HGV medical and all medical reports requiring  a consultation of the patient and a written report to be issued | £140 |
| Medical report for claim/insurances etc with no consultation of the patient (depending of the hours of work required) | £50 to £400 |
| Hepatitis B vaccine for travel:  includes 3 appointments with mandatory blood test | £140 |
| Hepatitis B vaccine for Occupational Health:  includes 4 appointments and blood test | £150 |
| **Private Blood Test**  Price available on request depending on the type of blood test +  £15 Admin fee. | Upon request |

*The above fees can be paid by cash only made to Wycliffe surgery.*

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