

Frequently asked questions

‘What is covered by the NHS and what is not?’

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.

‘What can I do to help?’

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 such documents free of charge.

If you have several forms requiring completion, present them all at once and ask your GP if he or she is 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 forms quickly, and this will cost more.

‘Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my forms?’

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his or her patients. Most GPs have a very heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so many GPs find they have to take some paperwork home at night and weekends.

Lasting power of attorney—property and financial affairs—20 minute appointment with a GP.
£94.20 incl VAT.

Lasting power of attorney—property and financial affairs—as a home visit.
£154.20 incl VAT.

Lasting power of attorney- health and welfare – 20 minute appointment with a GP.
£94.20 incl VAT.

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£154.20 incl VAT.

Life insurance and income protection reports may be requested by a third party
The fee for this will be charged to the third party.

Items we do not provide

Applications for passports, visas, character references; We do not offer these reports/signatures. The organisation supplying these forms will be able to suggest alternative signatories.

Diving medicals—We do not do these. Please visit www.ddrc.org which is a charity working in dive medicine and will be able to direct you.

Motor racing medicals—We do not do these. www.d4drivers.uk/motorsport-medical/ do these and they have a base in Oxford as well as other locations. We do not endorse this company, and other companies are available.

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Non-general medical services

We aim to follow the British Medical Associations guidance on all non-GMS charges but they can sometimes be confusing.

This leaflet will explain the non-general medical services that Chipping Norton health centre’s GPs can provide.

If you are still unsure where your requirements fall then please ask a member of the health centre reception team to help.

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Fitness for Parachute jumps

Someone wishing to participate in a Parachute jump will receive a fitness form for their GP to complete as part of the process.

Without an examination—£39.00 incl VAT.

With an examination— £156.00 incl VAT.

Fitness for running a Marathon

Someone wishing to participate in a marathon will receive a fitness form as part of their application. The patient must book a routine appointment with a GP for these forms to be completed.

Without an examination—£39.00 incl VAT.

With an examination— £156.00 incl VAT.

Jockey medicals

There are stringent medical standards associated with these medicals. Our GPs will complete forms for this.

Without an examination—£39.00 incl VAT.

With an examination— £156.00 incl VAT.

The need for an examination or not will depend on a patient's medical history.

Fitness to exercise

Brief report for health club or similar to certify fit to exercise—£30.00 exempt from VAT.

Accident, travel or sickness insurance certificate

Short statement without an examination for patient to claim under accident/travel/sickness insurance—£36.00 incl VAT.

Validation of private medical insurance claim form

A supporting letter for a claim or benefit in connection with private medical insurance or completion of a pre-treatment form—£30.00 exempt from VAT.

Driving medicals

FULL physical medical examination and report for HGV, PSV and some taxi cab drivers.
£106.00 incl VAT.

An optician appointment (with Chipping Norton Opticians) will need to be booked for an additional fee.

FULL medical record request from the patient

A request from a patient for copies of their OWN medical records must be in writing and explain why the records are being requested. There is a standard fee of £10.00 (exempt from VAT) for computerised records.

For copies of ALL records the fee is £50.00 (exempt from VAT).

Alternatively, if you register to view your medical records online, you would not need this. Please see reception for further information.

FULL medical record request from a third party

This request will be completed upon the health centre receiving a formal request from the third party involved. Fees for these are charged to the third party using BMA guidelines.

Report on a pro-forma, no examination

This could include; accident or sickness insurance report to support claim, Employment report, pre-employment report or a report on an employee requested by an employer, fitness to attend university, college or teaching or nurse training—£89.50 exempt from VAT.

If the report is predicted to take longer than 20 minutes to complete the fee will be higher. You would be advised of this before hand.

Written report (no examination) providing a detailed opinion and statement on the condition of the Patient

This could include; accident or sickness insurance report to support claim, employment report, pre-employment report or a report on an employee requested by an employer, fitness to attend university, college or teaching or nurse training - £133.00 exempt from VAT.

If the report is predicted to take longer than 30 minutes to complete the fee will be higher. You would be advised of this before hand.

Letter of existence - £18.00 incl VAT.

Straightforward certificate of fact - £21.60 incl VAT.

Not NHS covered sick note (any sick note within 7 days is private) - £30.00 exempt from VAT.

Completion of childminder health form - £105.00 incl VAT.

Private Pilot certificate (no examination) - £72.00 incl VAT.

Private Pilot certificate (with examination) - £156.00 incl VAT.

Non-NHS covered Blood test—£20.00 + lab costs exempt from VAT.

Travelling abroad

Fitness to travel letter, pre existing illness no examination required—£36.00 incl VAT.

Fitness to travel letter— examination required—£72.00 incl VAT.

Simple letter detailing prescription medicines—£36.00 incl VAT.

We ask that any requests are made in good time and we would expect most to be handled within 2-4 weeks.

If a request is made for something to be completed within 24-48 hours, and the GP feels this is achievable, then a charge of £12+VAT will be added as an additional fee to meet this timeframe.