

## Fee List

Vaccinations	
Hepatitis B - 3 dose course	£97.00
Hepatitis B – booster	£32.00
Japanese B Encephalitis - 2 dose course	£223.00
Japanese B Encephalitis - booster	£120.00
Meningitis ACWY - Single dose	£65.00
Rabies - 3 dose course	£150.00
Rabies - booster	£60.00
Tick borne Encephalitis - 2 dose course	£145.00
Gardasil injection - Single dose	£120.00
Gardasil injection - course of 3	£360.00

We accept Cash, Cheques,  
Debit and Credit Cards

### OPENING TIMES

Mon: 8.30 am - 6.30 pm  
Tue,Wed, Thur: 8.30am – 6.30pm (6.30-7.30 appt only)  
Fri: 8.30 am - 6.30 pm  
Sat: 8.30am - 11.30 am. (appointment only)

### OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

Cumbria Health on Call (CHOC)

Call: 03000 247 247

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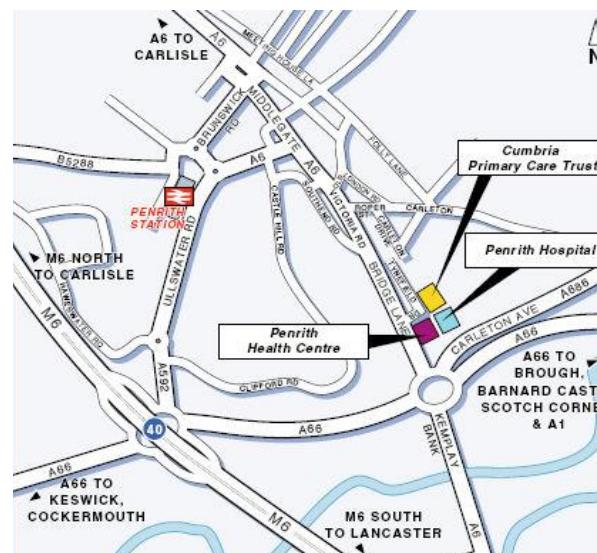
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THE LAKES  
MEDICAL PRACTICE



# Fees & Charges Leaflet

Not all services at our Practice are available under the NHS. When patients request non-NHS items or services a private fee is payable. This leaflet lists those fees, some of which are payable in advance. Please note this leaflet is for guidance only and costs may change without notice.



**Please take a copy**  
(Revised August 2018)

# Your questions answered

## Isn't the NHS supposed to be free?

The NHS provides most health care to most people free of charge but there are exceptions. Prescription charges have existed since 1951 and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. Sometimes the charge covers some of the cost of treatment, for example dental fees. In other cases it is because the service is not covered by the NHS, such as medical reports for insurance companies.

## Surely, the doctor is being paid anyway?

GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and they have to cover their costs – staff, buildings, heating, lighting, etc. in the same way as any small business. The NHS covers these costs for NHS work, but for non-NHS work, the fee has to cover the doctors costs.

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

The Government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients. In recent years more organisations have been involving doctors in a range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that GP's are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community or because an insurance company or employer wants to be sure that information provided is true and accurate.

Examples of non-NHS services for which GP's can charge their NHS patients are:

- Accident / Sickness insurance Certificates
- Certain Travel Vaccinations
- Private Medical Insurance Reports

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

- Medical Reports for an Insurance Company
- Some reports for the DSS / Benefits Agency
- Examinations of local authority employees

## Is it true that the BMA sets fees for non-NHS work?

The BMA suggests fees for non-NHS work which is not covered under GP's NHS contract. However, these fees are guidelines only, not recommendations, and a doctor is not obliged to charge the suggested rate.

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

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of patients. Most GP's have a very heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time. Many GP's find they have to take paperwork home at night and weekends.

## I only need a 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 patients entire medical record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor.

## What will I be charged?

The BMA recommends that GP's tell patients in advance if and how much they will be charged. It is up to the individual doctor to decide how much to charge but the BMA produces a list of suggested fees.

## What can I do to help?

Not all documents need a signature from a doctor, for example Passport/Driving Licence applications can be signed by another person in a position of trust, e.g. a Pharmacist.

If you have several documents requiring completion, present them all at once.

**Please do not expect your GP to process forms overnight.  
The standard wait time is 2-4 weeks. Urgent requests  
cannot always be accommodated and may cost more.**

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HGV, PSV, Taxi, Driving Medicals	£85.00
Private Sick Note/Prescription	£14.50
Shotgun Licence Certification	£30.00
Mental Health Act (section 29)	£53.76
Blood grouping/Private Blood Tests	£35.00
Ofsted reports i.e. child-minder, teaching etc.	£87.50
Adoption, fostering and child care medical	£76.33
DNA testing	£25.00
Medical forms – fitness for work, holiday cancellation etc.	£25.00
Letters – fit or unfit to work, travel etc.	£25.00
Housing letters / forms	Free
Report for employer – variable length	£50 upwards
Other miscellaneous letters – variable length	£50 upwards
Court of Protection CP3 with examination	£124.00
Court of Protection CP3 without examination	£61.50
Power of attorney forms + visit with patient	£97.50
Access to Records	
Records requested by patient	No Charge