**Non-Nhs Services – Chargeable Work**

## ****Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)****

### ****Isn’t the NHS required to provide all healthcare services for free?****

The NHS provides healthcare services at no cost for most medical treatments; however, certain administrative and elective services, such as medical reports for insurance companies, fall outside NHS obligations and are chargeable.

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

GPs are **independent contractors** rather than NHS employees. The funding provided by the NHS covers only NHS-related care. Non-NHS services incur administrative, staffing, and operational costs, which necessitate a separate charge.

### ****Why is there a delay in processing non-NHS paperwork?****

GPs manage extensive workloads, often exceeding **60 hours per week**, prioritising patient care. Completing medical forms and reports requires thorough review of a patient’s medical history, ensuring accuracy and compliance with medical and legal standards.

### ****I only need a doctor’s signature—why do I get charged for this?****

A doctor’s signature is a formal declaration of medical accuracy. Prior to signing, the GP must review the patient's full medical record to ensure factual accuracy, as errors or omissions could result in **serious legal and professional consequences**.

### ****How can I facilitate the processing of my request?****

* **Submit multiple forms together** to avoid delays.
* **Allow adequate time for processing**, as urgent requests may incur additional fees.
* **Plan in advance** for any required forms related to travel, employment, or insurance.

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