

Dear Sir/Madam

I am required by the Competition & Marketing Authority to provide you with information regarding costs of future procedures and consultations. Please note that this letter is for your information only and is not a bill.

I can confirm that I charge in line with all private medical insurance fee schedules and there will not be charges in addition to the payment as per each individual insurer's fee schedule. It is essential, however, that you check with your private medical insurance company that you have adequate cover and authorisation to progress with any further procedure, investigation or consultation prior to these being carried out.

If you are self-funding then my fees are in line with the figures and fee ranges detailed below.

<u>Fees</u>

Consultation fees

My fee for a new consultation is up to £250. My fee for a follow-up consultation is up to £200. The reason for further follow up consultations is to discuss test results and / or ensure improvement of your problem. I may also advise referral to another consultant. If this is the case, please contact them directly to ensure their charges are made clear to you before you make an appointment.

Test fees

During your consultation with me I may have suggested that you undergo diagnostic or therapeutic tests. The purpose of these tests is to help work out what may be wrong and/or initiate treatment. I receive no fees in relation to these tests, though any follow-up appointment will incur my outpatient follow up fee. There may also be a fee the Hospital charges.

Treatment fees

Following these tests, we will then plan your further treatment together. This may involve some form of surgical treatment if after our discussion you feel this is right for you. I will charge a fee for any procedure, with a range from £50-£950 dependent upon the procedure. I follow the fee schedule for all insurance companies and will invoice them accordingly. Likewise, will any anaesthetist involved in your care. Different insurance companies have different fee schedules so please contact them with the procedure code I will give you if you wish to have further information about these fees.

Further treatment may not involve surgery, but rehabilitation with a therapist. I do not receive any fee for their services.

Services not included in the estimate

My fees stated above do not include any fees that the hospital may charge for undertaking the test or treatment. Please be aware that all treatment carries risks and unforeseen complications. Occasionally this may result in further treatment or a longer than anticipated stay in hospital. I have not included the costs associated with such additional care in this letter as they are difficult to estimate or quantify. If you are self-funding and paying for a package of care from the hospital please contact the hospital for their terms and conditions in this situation.

Quality Information

You can compare independent information about the quality of private treatment offered at the hospital and other private healthcare providers from the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) website: www.phin.org.uk.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Wimsey

