

Appendix 1 - Information For Patients Considering Private Medical Diagnosis or Treatment

Having a private diagnosis or treatment does not guarantee transfer to NHS care.

Paying for Private Care

You have to pay the full cost of all investigations or treatments you receive, this includes all tests and medicines.

You may be given a private prescription. You will have to pay the full cost of any medicines.

Ongoing Treatment after Private Diagnosis or Treatment

The NHS does not have to accept recommendations from private services.

If you need long term medicines or tests your doctor will decide if you can transfer to NHS care. To do this your doctor must receive a full details of private tests and treatment.

The NHS will only accept private recommendations if:

- an NHS patient would be treated in the same way, and
- the diagnosis is in line with NHS diagnosis process, and
- recommendations are in line with NHS guidance, and
- the medicine is something used within the NHS

If treatment cannot be transferred to the NHS

Your doctor may:

- Prescribe you an equivalent medicine
- Refer you to an NHS consultant
- Ask the private service to continue treatment (for which you will need to pay).