

CHESTERFIELD MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Road Traffic Accident Policy

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988, the first doctor providing emergency treatment to the victim of a road traffic accident is entitled to charge a fee. A fee may be levied in respect of each person treated (Section 158(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988).

NHS funding does not cover the emergency treatment of road traffic accident (RTA) victims and GPs can charge a fee of **£21.30** for each patient consulted. This fee is payable regardless of whether or not the patient is registered with the practice.

Patients are advised that this fee is payable at the time of the consultation and that they can reclaim the fee from the driver's insurance company. This is their legal right that is laid down in statute.

The BMA advises that, since there may be a delay before injuries become apparent, anyone seen within one working day can be deemed an emergency.

Where the purpose for attending a GP surgery is to record injuries for future medico-legal purposes this is not covered by the Road Traffic Act and the GPs may charge their own rate for this work. The rate applicable at the surgery is £85, the fee for a private patient consultation regarding such an accident.

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INVOICE
CLAIM FOR PAYMENT UNDER
SECTION 158 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988

I am sorry you were involved in a road traffic accident recently. Unfortunately, the services of the first doctor to see you following a road traffic accident are not a charge under the National Health Service. All motor car insurance policies include cover for medical treatment necessitated by road accidents.

Payment of such accounts does not constitute any admission of liability for the accident. This account is rendered under Section 158 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, and fees are set by Parliament.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: **£**

To:
Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

A FEE OF £21.30 PER PERSON FOR medical treatment / surgical treatment / examination (delete as appropriate) rendered or carried out by me as a result of a bodily injury to person(s) caused by, or arising out of the use of a motor vehicle on the road, I being the first person to render such treatment/carry out such examination.

Signed by Doctor: _____ **Date:** _____