

# Southampton NHS Treatment Centre GP Newsletter

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## Introducing self-pay from Care UK

At Care UK we aim to deliver the best value healthcare in the private healthcare market.

Self-pay is an option we have introduced for patients who do not meet the threshold for NHS treatment, enabling them to pay for their treatment themselves at more favourable rates than in other private organisations.



## There are just five simple steps to getting treatment:

### 1. Getting referred

Patients discuss their condition and the self-pay option with their GP who refers them to us in a similar way as currently (via paper referral).

### 2. Booking an appointment

Once we have reviewed the referral, we will contact the patient by phone to book their appointment.

### 3. Seeing a specialist

The relevant specialist will decide whether the patient needs treatment and the patient will undertake any necessary pre-operative tests.

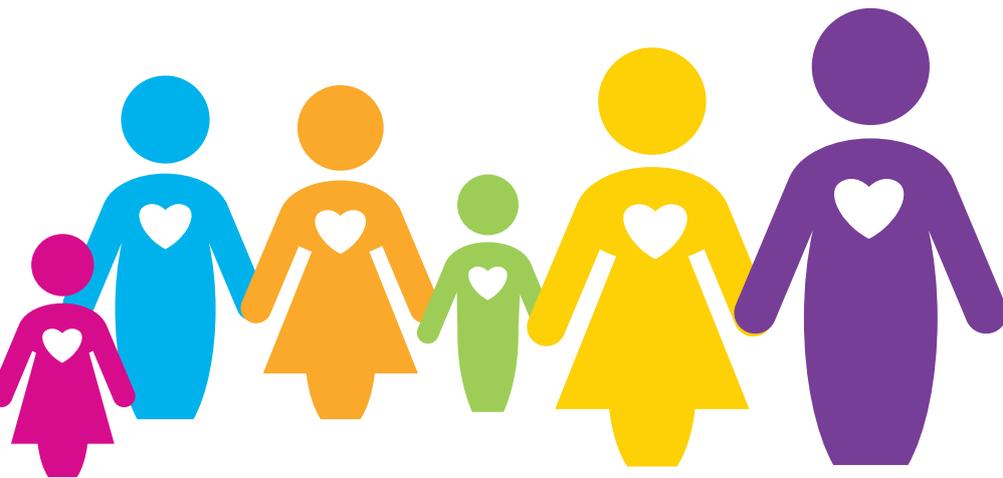
### 4. Arranging treatment

Whether the patient requires a simple outpatient procedure or needs surgery, there is very little waiting time, so they can select the most convenient treatment time for them.

### 5. Paying for treatment

The patient pays for their treatment over the telephone by credit or debit card prior to their consultation. The arrangement and payment for treatment is made through the referral booking office. We do not take patients who wish to use their private medical insurance scheme for payment.





## Self-pay covers the following procedures:

- Lumps & bumps (minor skin procedures)
- Varicose veins
- Ganglion cysts
- Dupuytren's Contracture

### Price guide:

• Single/superficial skin procedure	£250
• Deeper/multiple skin procedure(s)	£600
• Varicose veins	£1,795
• Ganglion cysts	£850
• Dupuytren's contracture (Injection)	£1,399

Prices are all inclusive. A £100 fee for an outpatient appointment will be payable when booking the initial consultation. This amount will be deducted from the all inclusive price shown above with the balance payable if the patient proceeds with treatment.

Accurate at time of printing. Prices are subject to review at any time and any changes will be notified to the patient at the earliest opportunity.

## Want to know more about self-pay?

Jason White, GP Liaison Officer, will be visiting all practices in the surrounding area over the next month to deliver information leaflets. However, if you have any questions, please contact the referral booking office at [southampton.selfpay@careuk.com](mailto:southampton.selfpay@careuk.com) or on **0333 321 8288**.

