

PRIVATE GP



Our private GP service is designed to complement NHS services and can be used as well as or instead of NHS services.

Private GPs are not able to access your NHS records so we advise that you bring any information from NHS consultations such as letters, results from scans and blood tests with you to your appointment if you wish to discuss them.

Your consultation summary can be shared with your NHS GP with your consent. There is no need to de-register from your NHS GP.

Dr Merron principally considers herself to be a primary care physician and prides herself on her holistic approach to patient care. She champions involving her patients in their own management decisions and using evidence based medicine as the central ethos of all her consultations.

After 24 years of NHS practice Dr Merron was motivated to change to practice as a private GP when she realised that there are a core group of patients who struggle to access primary care services at a time that suits their busy modern lives.

Patients can wait a significant time for an NHS GP appointment and then the time offered may not be at a time which is convenient to a person with a busy life and commitments and can be too short to address more complex or multiple medical issues.

Her vision is to be to provide patients with a quick and easily accessible primary care service offering the best possible treatment at a time which is convenient to them.

Appointment times are longer (30 minutes) allowing patients to discuss symptoms, receive a comprehensive medical examination and formulate a treatment plan.

Dr Merron undertook her undergraduate medical training at the University of Birmingham, graduating in 1998. She went on to spend 5 years training as a junior doctor in order to become a Principal GP. During this time she undertook residencies in a variety of specialties including General Medicine, Care of the elderly, General Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry.

On attaining her certificate to practice as a GP (CCT) and passing the entry examinations with the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) she became a Full time GP Principal in a busy inner city practice in Birmingham.

In 2009 Dr Merron relocated to North Staffordshire where she has been practising as an NHS and Private GP ever since. Dr Merron has been practising as a Private GP at the Nuffield North Staffordshire Hospital since 2018 and is the Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee.

In addition to her general practice work, she is also a GP Appraiser, and was a GP Trainer and a GP Training Programme Director for over 18 years. In addition to working as a GP, Dr Merron is the Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board.

Primary prevention of illness is of such importance, that Dr Merron offers health screening and ongoing care to keep her patients as fit, healthy and well as they can possibly be.

Referrals

Referrals can only be made for private specialist services and investigations.

If you would like treatment none urgently through the NHS, Dr Merron can write to your GP to request this, however in the event of an emergency requiring hospital admission, Dr Merron will arrange this for you on the NHS.

Deposits

On booking an appointment a deposit of £50.00 is required to secure the appointment and will be deducted from the final balance.

Insurance

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I need to see a GP urgently

Dr Merron will be at the practice every Friday within opening hours. She will do her best to accommodate you. She works at the Nuffield North Staffordshire hospital on Tuesdays.

One Saturday a month Dr Merron will be able to provide consultations at the practice. Consultations can be undertaken outside these normal operating hours. Please ask reception who will contact Dr Merron.

Video and telephone consultations can also be undertaken outside clinic hours.

It is anticipated that Dr Merron will be available for face to face appointments 5 days a week in the future according to demand.

I have a simple problem which will not take 30 minutes... can I have a 15 minutes appointment?

Yes, If you have already been seen by Dr Merron in the past you can have a 15 minute appointment for simple problems such as to discuss medications, HRT, infections, or any other concerns.

If you think it's going to take 15 minutes, then we are happy to book you in for a fee of £75.00 for 15 minutes.

Will you communicate with my GP?

Yes, I shall ask for your consent, and send the consultation summary to your GP as well as yourself.

If you prefer that no communication is made then the decision will be respected (unless there are concerns of a safeguarding or criminal nature in which case it would be my duty of care to share information, however this would always be discussed with you prior to sharing information).

Your medical data is secure, and will only be shared with your consent, via a secure IT pathway.

Do follow ups need to be 30 minutes?

Depending on the complexity of your case, after your initial 30 minute consultation, if we agree a follow up would take 15 minutes it will be booked as such and the fee would be £75.00

Do you offer telephone / video consultations?

Yes, these can be offered within and outside normal office hours.

Request this with reception who will email Dr Merron who will make appropriate arrangements

I have a disability... do you offer home visits?

Yes, Dr Merron does offer home visits within a 5 mile radius of the practice for £270 per consultation.

Visits outside a 5 mile radius will depend on availability however, Dr Merron can provide a quote.

Is Dr Merron insured and licensed to practice?

Yes, Dr Merron is fully insured to practice privately as a GP, has full NHS revalidation status, she has been and continues to be an NHS Revalidation appraiser herself for NHS Midlands.

PRICE LIST

Consultation of 30 minutes (includes PDF Summary Letter by email or post referral for further investigations if required or to a specialist , urinalysis and prescription if required)	£135.00
Phlebotomy (blood taking)	£20.00 (not charged if the test is undertaken within the consultation)
Repeat prescription charge	£30.00 for any number of medications (for up to 6 months medication not including controlled drugs)
Private Medical Report /legal report	£100 per page
Private Medical Letter	£120.00
Completion of medical form	£120.00 (no charge if completed during a consultation)
Cervical Cancer Screening (includes consultation, examination, further referral letter if required and pathology fee's)	£300.00
HGV medical	£145.00
Adoption Medical	£135.00
Fostering Medical	£135.00
Visa Medical (excluding blood tests and radiology)	£135
Fitness to drive a vehicle	£150
Fitness to Fly	£135.00
Pathology tests – price on request if not included in the fee structure below	
Executive Medical (full examination including prostate, gynaecology, breast exam as required and pathology testing)	
Under 50 years	£395
Over 50 years	£475 (if including prostate/ ovarian cancer blood screening)
Emails, telephone calls and any other none face to face work	£67.50 per 15 minutes
Home Visits	£270.00 (within a radius of 5 miles)



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