

Category 2 and private blood tests taken in GP practices

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This information leaflet aims to inform patients of the definitions of category 2 and private blood tests undertaken by GPs and the charges made by the hospital.

Taking and processing of private blood tests

The blood tests you are undergoing fall outside of the normal NHS service and will therefore be chargeable. These tests are classed as either being 'private' or 'category 2' (see below for definitions). As well as your GP practice charging you for the taking of the sample, you will be charged by Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust separately for the analysis of the specimen.

A category 2 request is for a non-medical reason such as work related purposes, emigration, DVLA medical, life insurance medicals or blood grouping for travelling.

A private request can be for blood checks prior to an operation that is being undertaken at a private hospital/abroad or for private fertility treatment.

Charges for the analysis of the specimen

The charge for a category 2 request is £54* per request (i.e. if you have 2 different requests, you will be charged £108*).

The charges for private tests are also per request and are as follows:

Histology band A	£51* + £85* consultant charge
Biochemistry	£30*
Haematology	£28*
Group and save	£34*
Microbiology	£30* + £16* consultant charge
Microbiology fertility	£45* + £16* consultant charge

*All prices subject to change – correct as of July 2018

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Have your say

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust aims to provide high quality services. However, please tell us when something could be improved. If you have a comment or compliment about a service or treatment, please raise your comments with a member of staff or the PALS team in the first instance.

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