

### The Self-Funded Fertility Clinic and Investigations – Patient Information

Unfortunately, not everyone is entitled to fertility treatment on the NHS. If you have been trying to conceive for a year without success and you are unsure whether you are entitled to NHS treatment or not please contact the clinic for advice or book an appointment with your own GP to discuss.

The self-funded fertility clinic is intended for patients in the following situations:

- New patients who are not entitled to NHS treatment or do not wish to join an NHS waiting list. This could include heterosexual couples, same sex couples or single women. Unfortunately, we are unable to help anyone looking for treatment using a surrogate.
- Patients returning to the clinic after unsuccessful NHS treatment and who are not entitled to further NHS treatment.
- Patients returning to the clinic after having a child through previous treatment (therefore no longer eligible for NHS treatment).
- Persons requesting appointments (such as blood tests and scans) to be done at our clinic with a view to being treated elsewhere. Please note that it is possible that after this appointment we may not agree to your request. If it is agreed a £500 clinic registration fee will also apply.
- Other situations following discussion with the team.

#### How does the self-funded fertility clinic work?

The first step is to call in and speak to our self-funding co-ordinator to discuss your requirements, give some basic information including your height and weight and register you with us.

Your first appointment will be with one of our clinical staff, this may be a nurse or a doctor. This is most often done by telephone or video link and costs £140. Your medical history will be taken and any investigations you require are planned. If you are seeking treatment as a couple you must both attend this appointment.

Further information about the types of investigations you can expect are found on our website [www.shropshireivf.nhs.uk](http://www.shropshireivf.nhs.uk). Investigations are charged as needed and there is further information about this overleaf.

After all your investigations are complete you have a second appointment with a doctor to discuss your results and plan any treatment that might be recommended/needed. This second appointment costs £70.

If you are a returning patient and your diagnostic tests have been done within the last 2 years it is unlikely that these will need to be repeated and you can progress to treatment more quickly and with minimal cost. If you are a new patient you can expect to have some or all of the following tests done, depending on your circumstances.

**Appointments that are not attended or are cancelled without giving 24 hours notice will be charged for.**

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**Pre-treatment Appointments and Investigations costs**

Appointment/test	Cost	Further information
1 <sup>st</sup> appointment	£140	A nurse or doctor will take your medical history and arrange your appointments
Pelvic Ultrasound Scan	£115	Female. Includes antral follicle count.
AMH (Anti-Mullerian Hormone)	£28.04	Female fertility blood test, billed by Pathology
Progesterone	£28.04	Female fertility blood test, billed by Pathology
TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone)	£28.04	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone blood test (female), billed by Pathology. Only normally done for patients taking Thyroxine.
Chlamydia	£34.32 (bloods) or £40.04 (swab)	Female blood test or female urine/vaginal swab Payable direct to Pathology
Semen analysis	£147 (with Antibodies) £125 (without antibodies)	Male test, First one will be with antibodies. Sometimes more than one test is required. If further tests requested they will be at the reduced rate.
Doctors follow up	£70	If required

If you know you need to use donor sperm as part of your treatment you will also require the following to be done at this stage.

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) (IgG, IgM, PCR)	Up to £108.68 each person	Screening for Cytomegalovirus, billed by Pathology (x2 if a couple)
Blood group	£45	Blood test, billed by Pathology
Implications counselling	£50	Per session, normally 1 is sufficient. Mandatory to discuss the implications of using donated sperm

If you know you need to use donor eggs or are a same sex couple and are planning to donate eggs within your relationship you are advised to speak to the donor egg co-ordinator to discuss. Information about this is available in a separate leaflet.

**Your bills for the Self-Funded Fertility Clinic.**

As not everyone needs the same investigations we operate a “pay as you go” system. You can expect to be billed at the following points in your pathway.

1. At booking. Please expect to pay for your two clinical appointments at this point. This will be £210.
2. At your scan appointment. Please expect to pay £115 at reception on the day of your appointment, if you haven't opted to pay for this at booking.
3. At your semen analysis. Please expect to pay £147 at reception on the day of your appointment, if you haven't opted to pay for this at booking.
4. Blood tests and swabs will be billed by Shropshire Consultant Pathology, which are the hospital Pathology Laboratories.
5. Counselling. This is payable to the clinic and can be paid at reception on the day or in advance over the phone.

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