

Dear Mr LLwellyn

Your information access request

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2019. You have asked as follows:

"When a doctor works as an independent contractor to the NHS in general practice medicine they are paid by the NHS to look after NHS patients. When the DVLA request medical information and pay the doctor for this service creating a potential legal conflict of interests, what is the GMC guidance on doctors taking sundry payments from the DVLA?"

We've considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We don't provide specific advice on the fees that a doctor may charge for a particular service, as this is outside of our remit and expertise.

The General Medical Services contract between general practices and NHS England defines what services are offered to NHS patients. Where services fall outside of the contract, GPs can charge additional fees.

We do make it clear in [Good Medical Practice \(2013\)](#) that doctors must be honest in their financial dealings. Further advice can be found in our guidance [Financial and commercial arrangements and conflicts of interest \(2013\)](#).

The [BMA](#) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) have agreed these fees for work relating to the medical aspect of driver licensing.

We hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

General Medical Council