



### **Outpatient Appointment Information**

Thank you for choosing to see me at the Nuffield Health Cardiff & Vale Hospital for your outpatient consultation. This letter sets out some important information that I am required by law to provide to you. This is for your information only and is not a bill. As this includes information about my charges, if you do not have private medical insurance but someone else will be paying your bill, you may wish to pass a copy of this letter to them. Please note that even if someone else is paying your bill or you have private medical insurance, you are responsible for paying any charges which they do not pay.

### **Self-Funding Consultation Fee**

My fee for an initial consultation will not exceed **£200** and my fee for any follow-up consultation will not exceed **£100**. These prices are correct as at the date of this letter. Following your consultation you may need certain tests (such as blood tests or imaging, for example an X-ray, MRI or CT scan) to help me diagnose your condition. If the test is undertaken by the clinic or hospital, and not by me, the fees for those tests will be determined by the clinic or hospital and charged to you, or your private medical insurer, separately. If there are any fees which I will charge in relation to any of the tests I advise that you have, I will let you know what those will be.

### **Private Medical Insurance**

If you have private medical insurance, please contact your insurer before your consultation, to check the terms of your policy, particularly the level and type of outpatient cover you have, including any reimbursement limits on individual consultation fees. I am recognised by a number of private medical insurers including AXA, Aviva, Benenden, BUPA, Healix, Cigna, CS Healthcare, Exeter Friendly, HOL, Global Partners, Police Mutual, Saga, Vitality Universal Provident and WPA. Please note you are responsible for any fees not covered by your insurer.

### **Financial Interests**

I am legally obliged to inform you if I have any financial interests in the Nuffield Vale Hospital or any equipment there. I can confirm I do not have any such financial interests.

### **Quality Information**

You can compare independent information about the quality of private treatment offered at the hospital and other private healthcare providers from the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) website: [www.phin.org.uk](http://www.phin.org.uk). Please feel free to visit my website [www.spinedragon.com](http://www.spinedragon.com) and [www.yipha.com](http://www.yipha.com) to find out more information.

Yours sincerely  
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