

Funding Your Fertility Treatment

Unfortunately not everyone is eligible for fertility treatment on the NHS and we recognise it is an expensive undertaking. Historically patients ineligible for NHS care wanting treatment at the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Fertility centre have had the option to have private treatment here under the care of one of our Consultants. From January 2020 we are pleased to offer two additional options to fund your treatment. The treatment pathway you choose does not affect your chance of having successful treatment, but you may find that one pathway is preferable or suits your personal circumstances. Further information can be found on our website www.shropshireivf.nhs.

1. Self-Funded Treatment.

If you choose this option you will essentially follow the same treatment pathway as NHS patients. You will see the same team of healthcare professionals as an NHS patient would and pay the hospital directly, however NHS waiting lists will not apply so you would be able to have your treatment in the next available suitable slot, once all the necessary tests and paperwork is complete. Self-funded treatment is less costly than traditional 'Private' treatment but we cannot guarantee you will see the same doctor throughout. If you choose to have treatment funded this way please contact the Fertility department on 01743 261202 in the first instance.

2. Private Treatment

If you wish your treatment to be under the care of Mr Sizer, Consultant Gynaecologist, whom you may have already met in one of our NHS clinics, please contact the Nuffield Hospital in Shrewsbury on 01743 282500 to arrange an appointment with him. Your initial appointment will be to discuss your history and draw up a treatment schedule. You will then be asked to contact our clinic. If you choose this treatment option please expect to have bills from the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (Fertility and Pathology departments) and Mr Sizer. This option is more expensive than self-funded treatment, but you will have one Consultant as your point of contact dealing with you throughout your treatment.

3. Access Fertility

The Shropshire and Mid Wales Fertility Centre have partnered with a company called Access Fertility to provide you with an alternative way of funding your treatment. Depending on your medical history and personal circumstances Access Fertility can offer set price fertility treatment with the added benefit of a whole or partial refund if you do not have a baby as a result of the treatment. Please note that whilst the package is a comprehensive one some additional charges will apply, the most significant one being the medication which will cost between £1000-£2000 for a cycle of IVF/ICSI and around £300 for a frozen transfer. For further details on this please visit their website www.accessfertility.com. If you choose this route your first point of contact should be with Access Fertility, unless you have any specific questions for our clinic. When you contact them please let them know that you wish to be treated at the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Fertility Centre.

Overleaf are some examples of the cost of comparable services on the self-funded and private routes. Prices for Access Fertility vary depending upon the product you purchase from them and can be obtained by contacting Access directly.

Summary of benefits and drawbacks

	Benefits	Drawbacks
Self Funded Treatment	Cheaper	You may not see the same doctor throughout treatment.
Private Treatment	Single medical Consultant monitoring and delivering your treatment	More expensive
Access Fertility	May be entitled to full or partial refund if you do not have a baby as a result of your treatment. Fixed price package. Can be very cost effective if multiple cycles and FETs are needed	Would work out significantly more expensive than the other options if you became pregnant on the first cycle.

Please note that the cost of a self funded or private fresh cycle only includes one transfer and not the transfer of any embryos that may be frozen for use at a later date if you wish. Access packages include the transfer of any frozen embryos collected in those cycles.

It is important to note that the chance of success is the same, no matter which pathway you choose.

Examples of Costings

IMPORTANT – these examples are for direct comparison purposes for self-funded and private charges only. In reality, additional charges will apply for drugs, diagnostic tests and laboratory charges as a minimum, however those would remain the same whichever option is chosen. Taking these additional charges into account please budget for between £5500-7000 for a cycle of IVF with an additional £600 if ICSI is required.

1. **Example of the cost of a single cycle of IVF for a new patient who had never had treatment at the clinic before.**

Self Funded

IVF cycle	£3101
Nurse consultation for information and consents	£132
Self Funded top up	£633
Total payable for Self Funded IVF	£3866

Private

	Payable to Clinic	Payable to Consultant
IVF cycle	£3101	
Nurse consultation for information and consents	£132	
	Total = £3233	
Initial Consultation		£170
Cycle planning, monitoring and procedure		£800
		Total = £970
Total payable for Private IVF	£4203*	

*Please be advised that if you require a follow up appointment following private fertility treatment your consultant charges £120 for this appointment. If you are on the self funded route there is no extra charge for a follow up appointment.

2. **Example of the cost of a single cycle of IVF for a patient who recently came through the department for treatment and so did not need appointments for follow up, further information and consents. These other appointments incur an additional charge, which is the same whether you are on the private or self funded route.**

Self Funded

IVF cycle	£3101
Self Funded top up	£633
Total payable for Self Funded IVF	£3734

Private

	Payable to Clinic	Payable to Consultant
IVF cycle	£3101	
	Total = £3101	
Cycle planning, monitoring and procedure		£800
Total payable for Private IVF	£3901	

3.Example for a Frozen Embryo Transfer for a patient who had recently come through for treatment and therefore did not need further follow up, information or consents appointment

Self Funded

FET cycle	£1236
Self-Funded top up	£211
Total payable for Self-Funded FET	£1447

Private

	Payable to Clinic	Payable to Consultant
FET	£1236	
	Total = £1236	
Cycle planning, monitoring and procedure		£250
Total payable for Private FET	£1486	

*All prices correct at time of printing but may be subject to change

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