# The Shropshire and Mid Wales Fertility Centre

## 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, normally a fertility nurse and costs £140. This is payable at the time of booking your appointment and is non-refundable. 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. You will be required to pay for your investigations and medical follow up when you attend your nurse history appointment. For most people this is £160 for a scan, £175 for a semen analysis (male partner) and £140 for a medical appointment but this may vary depending on your circumstances.

Further information about the types of investigations you can expect are found on our website <a href="https://www.shropshireivf.nhs.uk">www.shropshireivf.nhs.uk</a>. Investigations are charged as needed and there is further information about this overleaf.

After all your investigations are complete you have a second appointment, this time with a doctor, to discuss your results and plan any treatment that might be recommended/needed.

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**

# These prices are applicable from 1st December 2025, if you are billed before this you may find they are a little less

Appointment/test	Cost	Further information			
1 <sup>st</sup> appointment	£140	A nurse will take your medical history and arrange			
		your appointments			
Diagnostic Pelvic	£160	Female. Includes antral follicle count.			
Ultrasound Scan					
AMH (Anti-Mullerian	£28.04	Female fertility blood test, billed by Pathology			
Hormone)					
Progesterone	£28.04	Female fertility blood test, billed by Pathology			
TSH (thyroid stimulating	£28.04	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone blood test (female),			
hormone)		billed by Pathology. Only normally done for patients			
		taking Thyroxine.			
Chlamydia	£34.32 (bloods) or	Female blood test or female urine/vaginal swab			
	£40.04 (swab)	Payable direct to Pathology			
Semen analysis	£175 (with Antibodies)	Male test, First one will be with antibodies.			
	£150 (without	Sometimes more than one test is required. If further			
	antibodies)	tests requested they will be at the reduced rate.			
Doctors appointment	£140	Appointment with a doctor (normally by telephone)			
		to discuss your results and any treatment options			

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)	Up £108.68 each	Screening for Cytomegalovirus, billed by Pathology
(IgG, IgM, PCR)	person	(x2 if a couple)
Blood group	£45	Blood test, billed by Pathology
Implications	£60	Per session, normally 1 is sufficient. Mandatory to discuss
counselling		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 ask for payment at several points in the pathway... At booking.

- 1. Please expect to pay £140 for your first appointment (history taking) at the time of booking. Due to the amount of administration involved this is non refundable.
- 2. At your first appointment (history taking). Please expect to pay for any investigations planned at the appointment and for your medical appointment on this day. As a guide we

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recommend you have £500 available to you that day to cover this. Payment can be made by card in fertility reception.

- 3. Blood tests and swabs will be billed by Shropshire Consultant Pathology, which are the hospital Pathology Laboratories.
- 4. 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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