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Dear Patient,

Important information about fees for your outpatient appointment

Thank you for choosing to see me at The London Clinic or One Welbeck. This letter sets out some important information that I am required by law to provide to you before your appointment. It is for your information only and is not a bill. As it 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 charge which they do not pay.

Consultation fees

My fee for an initial consultation in clinic will not exceed £300. My fee for an initial consultation remotely by telephone or video link will not exceed £300. My fee for any follow-up consultation will not exceed £175. These fees are correct as at the date of this letter.

Please note that in the majority of new appointments, a procedure such as an examination of the throat with a small camera is required to arrive at a diagnosis. This incurs additional costs, which are set out below, so the total cost of a first appointment is usually higher than the consultation fee alone.

What a typical first appointment costs (self-funding patients)	
Initial consultation fee (Mr Hamilton)	£300
Flexible laryngoscopy – camera examination of the throat and voice box (Mr Hamilton)	£100
Hospital equipment and facility fee for the laryngoscopy (charged by the hospital, not by me)	£220
Typical total for a first appointment including a camera examination	**£620**

If no procedure is needed, you pay the consultation fee only. If you have private medical insurance, the consultation and procedure fees are normally claimed from your insurer, subject to your outpatient cover and any excess; the hospital fee is billed to you or your insurer by the hospital.

Procedures carried out in clinic

Procedures carried out during your appointment are charged in addition to the consultation fee. For self-funding patients the most common of these are:

- **Flexible laryngoscopy (nasendoscopy)** – examination of the throat and voice box with a small flexible camera passed gently through the nose: **£100** from Mr Hamilton, in addition to the consultation fee.
- **Rigid rhinoscopy** – examination of the nose and sinuses with a small camera: **£100** from Mr Hamilton, in addition to the consultation fee.
- **Aural toilet** – cleaning of the ears using a microscope and suction: **£100** from Mr Hamilton, in addition to the consultation fee.

Hospital fees. The hospital charges a separate fee for the use of its equipment and facilities for any procedure carried out in clinic. This is currently **£220**, is charged by the hospital and not by me, and is subject to change. Please contact the hospital you are attending, or the booking team, for an up-to-date, procedure-specific fee.

Procedure fees for self-funding patients may not be collected at the time of booking or at your appointment, and may be invoiced to you separately after the consultation has taken place.

Tests and investigations

Following your consultation you may need certain tests (for example blood tests, or imaging such as an X-ray, MRI or CT scan) to help me diagnose your condition. If a test is undertaken by the clinic or hospital, and not by me, the fees for that test will be determined by the clinic or hospital and charged to you, or to your private medical insurer, separately. If there are any fees which I will charge in relation to any tests I advise you to have, I will let you know what those will be.

Cancellation policy

We require at least 48 hours' notice if you wish to reschedule or cancel your appointment or procedure without charge. For appointments cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice, a cancellation fee of £100 will be charged. Please note that most insurers will not cover a cancellation fee, so you would be invoiced directly.

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 most of the private medical insurance companies. Please note that you are responsible for any fees not covered by your insurer.

Financial interests

I am legally obliged to inform you that I, Mr Nick Hamilton, have a financial interest of 100% in Nick Hamilton Limited. I also hold financial interests in Welbeck London Imaging and Diagnostics (0.17% ownership) and Welbeck London ENT (2.64% ownership). My investment in Welbeck London ENT includes a group shareholding of 5% in Welbeck London Pharmacy for that speciality group. This information is provided in the interest of transparency and to support informed patient choice.

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.

I look forward to welcoming you to my practice.

Yours sincerely,



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