

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Department of Health & Social Services Charges

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Report of: Director of Health & Social Services

1.0 Purpose

This paper reviews the schedule of charges levied on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government by the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital Services to patients for medical, diagnostic and treatment services received, public health, dental charges and meal charges.

2.0 Recommendation

Honourable Members are recommended to approve the revised fees as from 1st October 2008 for the Health & Social Services as detailed in Annex 1.

I would also request approval of the year on year uplift of charges in line with base inflation of 3%.

3/0 Financial Implications

None. Proposed increase is already incorporated in our budget projections.

4.0 Background

A comprehensive review of all Health and Social Service charges was undertaken in April 2006 by the former Director of Health and Social Services. The new charges were approved in May 2006 (Executive Paper 131/06). Following the process, Ms Osborne recommended all charges be increased annually, in line with inflation, unless there was evidence of a large increase in any specific area. This would avoid any radical increases in the future.

Annex 1

Non-entitled patient charges	Current Charges	Proposed Charges
Inpatient day inclusive all treatment	£557	£574
Outpatient appointment (exc diagnostics)	£78	£81
-under 15 minutes	£103	£106
-over 15 minutes		
A&E attendance (exc. Diagnostics)	£165	£170
ECGs	£47	£49
X-rays	£78	£81
Drugs	Minimum charge £21 or Cost price + 33% (which ever greater)	Minimum charge £22 or Cost price + 33% (which ever greater)
Medical Report	£57	£59
Physiotherapy per 10 min session	£41	£43
Mortuary Charge	£340 + £23 per day	£350 + £24 per day
Certificate of death	£95	£98
Certificate of repatriation of remains	£95	£98
Visits to Ships:		
FIPASS	£227	£234
Port William/Stanley Harbour	£312	£322
Elsewhere in the territory	£136/per hour	£140/per hour
Inspection/de ratting certificate to vessel	£95	£98
Ambulance in vicinity of Stanley	£114	£118
Ambulance Stanley Airport to KEMH	£170	£175
Ambulance – KEMH to MPA	£227	£234
Public Health Inspections	£57	£59
Home visit surcharge	£29	£30
Vaccination certificate	£23	£24
Walking Stick	£22	£23
Crutches	£22	£23
Dental Charge	£87	£90
Copy of X-ray	£11	£12
Lab Tests	£23	£24

Public Health Charges		
Water Testing	£45	At cost (including freight)
Milk Testing	£33	At cost (including freight)
Fish/Squid	£46	At cost (including freight)
Shellfish	£51	At cost (including freight)
Carcasses & Surfaces	£45	At cost (including freight)
Vaccinations		
Hep A (2 vaccinations)	£42	At cost (including freight)
Hep B (3 vaccinations)	£63	At cost (including freight)
Meningitis A & C	£11	At cost (including freight)
Rabies (3 vaccinations)	£63	At cost (including freight)
Typhoid	£16	At cost (including freight)
Yellow Fever	£31	At cost (including freight)
Antimalarial tablets	£6 to £26 per pack depending on country being visited and degree of risk of contracting malaria.	£7 to £27 per pack depending on country being visited and degree of risk of contracting malaria.
Medicals		
Medical	£62	£64
ENG1 Medical Ex	£73	£75
CAA Medical Ex	£83	£86
Diving Medical Ex	£83	£86
Immigration Medical	£83	£86
Scan	£87	£90
Food Handling	£21	£22
Meal Charges		
Meals on Wheels	£1.55	£1.60
Day Centre Meals	£1.30	£1.35
Prisoner Meals – lunch	£3.60 Hot meal	£3.70 Hot meal
Prisoner Meals - supper	£2.60 Salad/Sandwiches	£2.70 Salad/Sandwiches
Duty Staff Meals	£2.10	£2.20
Non Duty Staff Meals	£3.60 Hot meal £2.60Salad/Sandwiches	£3.60 Hot meal £2.60Salad/Sandwiches
Rent Charge 37 Callaghan Rd	£10.00 per night	£11.00 per night