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GPC has met with Healthwatch England to discuss charges that GPs can make for work not covered by their contract. The patient group understands the reasons behind charging, their main concern was a lack of consistency between practices and sometimes even within practices.

It was explained that the BMA is not able to set fee levels for this work and is expressly prohibited from doing so, but we did agree to remind practices of our current guidance on charging, which can be found here:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/pay-fees-allowances/fees/fee-finder/fee-finder-why-gps-charge-fees>

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/pay-fees-allowances/fees/fee-finder>

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/pay-fees-allowances/fees/check-to-see-gps>

It may also be helpful for practices to display information about fees and the reasons where they can easily be seen by patients.

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