**Shared Care Arrangements with Private Sector Health Providers**

Three Shires Medical Practice is an NHS organisation.

We have statutory relationships with NHS hospitals and NHS England.

For the avoidance of doubt, we will **not** enter Shared Care Arrangements with any private medical providers or doctors. **We will also not be entering into any new shared care agreements under GP Collective Action, in line with BMA.**

We are increasingly being asked to specialist medications, medications not available routinely on the NHS, or provide ongoing investigations or monitoring on behalf of private providers.

 As we have no contractual relationship with these doctors or services, we are unable to do this safely. We would direct the patient back to the private service for continued prescribing, monitoring or investigation.

We will, at your request, provide information from your medical record, or provide a letter of referral if clinically appropriate to a private service. However, our default would be to see or refer you as an NHS patient, even if this involves a longer wait.

We strongly advise patients to consider this before embarking on private diagnoses or treatments and check that they are insured for or can fund follow-up and aftercare with the provider, not just the initial consultation.

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