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Terms and conditions regarding Private Clinic Consultations – valid from 01/05/2026 (Small Print)

Name: **Prof Nick van der Spek, Consultant Paediatrician**
Specialty: Paediatrics (Children's Diseases)
Academic title: Associate Clinical Professor (Hon), RCSI
Special interests: Constipation and Continence
Childhood Disability and Development, including Permanent Childhood Hearing Loss (PCHL), Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and Autism
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To provide a transparent and sustainable private paediatric service, please take note of the following:

- To avail of my private outpatient services, I strongly recommend that the **child**:
 - Has private health insurance cover.
 - Is referred by their GP or another medical professional with a referral letter outlining the concerns and containing all the required patient details:
 - Child: first and surname; date of birth; GP's name and address and Health insurance provider's name and policy number
 - Parent(s) or guardian(s): first and surname; full address, including Eircode; mobile number; email address
- From 01/01/2026, my private patient service:
 - Does not provide private admissions in HSE Cavan General Hospital anymore or elsewhere.
 - Provides an outpatient clinic located at Bon Secours Clinic, Unit 1, Block 2, Drumalee Health Campus, Cootehill Road, Keadew, Cavan, Co Cavan, H12 Y8W5.
 - Cannot manage detailed developmental assessments and children with complex disabilities.
 - Will be less flexible, on a different day and time, charging higher fees due to an increase in costs to run the off-site clinic and paperless.
- When accepted as a private patient I, **Prof Nick van der Spek** shall offer:
 - An appointment for you and your child to see me with a general paediatric or continence issue on a Friday afternoon between 13:00 and 17:00hr, aiming to see you within two weeks of acceptance of the referral depending on demand and circumstances.
 - To see you face-to-face in a private clinic setting at Bon Secours Clinic, Cavan. Virtual follow-up appointments (e.g. by phone or video) are also available and are usually held on Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 18:00 and 21:00 hours.
 - Radiological investigations are referred out to a separate private service, depending on your health insurance cover.
 - Blood/stool/urine investigations are not part of the private service and sampling does not occur in the clinic. A separate public referral to Cavan General can be arranged by your GP or me.
 - To be contactable directly by email or SMS regarding clinical matters and to respond at the first available opportunity. If urgent, you may contact me Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 17:00 hours on 086 373 0387, and I will aim to deal with your query as promptly as possible. For pure appointment queries, please ring or email the clinic.
 - If your child requires urgent care, please contact your GP, Doc-oncall or your local Emergency Department. The current fee to the hospital for attending the Emergency Department/Paediatric Assessment Unit without a doctor's referral letter or not having a medical card is €100.
- To be accepted as a private patient you, as a **parent or guardian**, are required:
 - To agree to all your details being recorded on our RPM administration system and all correspondence sent by SMS or email, based on the GDPR guidelines.
 - To pay the professional fees for my expertise and time spent for a private clinic preparation, attendance, prescriptions and report writing, currently **€250** for an effective 45 minutes standard (new) private clinic appointment. The "attendance" can be face-to-face, by phone, video, other media (e.g. email or WhatsApp for sending me reports and video recordings or to send you prescriptions and reports etc.) or a combination of these. Review face-to-face appointments are shorter and carry a fee of **€120**; the attendance definition outlined above also applies. A standard once off DCD developmental assessment, including a report, is **€300**. More detailed developmental assessments are generally no longer provided due to the time they require; however, special arrangements can be discussed.
 - Fees for face-to-face consultations must be paid on the day by credit or debit card only. We cannot accept cash or cheques.
 - I use a PayPal invoice for a virtual private clinic consultation (phone or video). Invoices not paid within two weeks will incur an additional administration fee (€20) for each reminder. A receipt will always be issued which you are recommended to keep as proof of payment and can use for reclaiming costs from your insurance or revenue. If you don't attend a booked appointment and don't cancel before 24hr of the appointment, a fee still applies.
 - Please be aware that your child is a private patient for other services as well. This means that:
 - Most investigations arranged (e.g. X-rays, some pathology) from the private clinic will have to be paid for too. Usually – but not always e.g. depending on the type of policy, test and hospital - if you have a valid Private Health insurance cover, the insurance will take care of this either by paying it directly or (partially or fully) reimbursing you. Blood tests are referred to a public service and public waiting list policies apply.
 - In the event of onward referral to another paediatric specialist, e.g. in one of the private Radiology Services or Children's Services in Dublin, you will be referred as a private patient too, where the above issues usually apply. The general rule is that "you are private all the way", except for most blood tests as they are referred to a public service.
- If your child requires admission to hospital, this will be as a public patient and they are admitted (by default) on whoever is on call at the time publicly. There is no option to go privately under any paediatrician.
- In order to keep the outpatient cost to you as low and competitive as possible, I provide most of the service myself; this, as well as my aim to be thorough and keep the waiting list very short, results in substantial workload pressures. Appointment details are sent by SMS; paper appointment letters are not routinely issued unless specifically requested during a clinic visit for a follow-up appointment.
- If you notice that an arrangement we have made does not appear to have been carried out, I would ask you to inform me immediately.

If you agree to these terms and conditions, I would be delighted to provide a private service for your child. If you are unable to agree to these terms, I would be equally happy to provide care through the public service in Cavan General Hospital.

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