

Practice Policy – Jury Service Exemption letters

Our primary focus at Chevin Medical is, and always has been, ensuring high quality medical care for our patients. We are often approached by patients looking to be excused from Jury Service on medical grounds. Jury Service is an integral aspect of our Criminal Justice System, and it is everyone's civic duty to undertake Jury Service that is eligible. Historically, the majority of requests for exemption from Jury Service on medical grounds have been inappropriate. Most patients are fit to serve as members of a Jury and letters of support are only given in exceptional circumstances for significant medical problems. If you have been cited for Jury Service and you feel that your significant medical problem would prevent you from serving as a member of a Jury, then please inform our reception team of this and they will pass your request to a GP for assessment. If you meet the criteria for exemption from Jury Service on medical grounds, a letter of support will be provided without fee. If you do not meet the criteria for exemption on medical grounds your request will be declined, and it will be your responsibility to take this forward with the court. The GPs decision will be final, and we would not expect that patients would make appointments in order to discuss this further with GPs.