**PRE & POST TREATMENT CARE FOR PATIENTS AVAILING OF PRIVATE HEALTHCARE WITHIN THE UK**

Springvale Medical Practice Policy

Springvale Medical Practice’s policy for pre and post treatment care for patients availing of private healthcare within the UK is directly in line with instruction issued by the Department of Health (DoH) on 5 December 2023:

Where a patient seeks pre and/or post treatment care specific to their private treatment, they will not be entitled to such support from primary or secondary care services in Northern Ireland. Therefore, it will be important for the individual to ensure that all pre and post treatment costs are included in the overall package of care procured from the private healthcare provider.

In line with normal practice, patients will continue to be able to access emergency care where necessary.

In circumstances where a patient is receiving care in the Independent Sector as a HSC patient, pre and post treatment care will be provided by the HSC as normal.