

Albyn Hospital

Introduction

Consultants are critical to each Circle Health Group hospital. However, in common with other private healthcare operators and in most instances, Circle Health Group does not employ these consultants. Instead, most consultants working in our hospitals are self-employed practitioners who see and treat patients at our hospitals under the terms of our “Practising Privileges” policy.

In 2014, the Competition and Markets Authority issued an Order (the “**CMA Order**”) regulating the relationships between private hospital groups and consultants who have Practising Privileges or treat private patients or refer them for tests at group facilities (“**Referring Clinicians**”).

In accordance with the CMA Order, hospital operators are prohibited from entering into any incentive schemes that are designed to encourage Referring Clinicians to refer private patients to, or treat private patients at, their facilities. Circle Health Group does not operate any such schemes. The Order also requires hospital operators to disclose information about certain arrangements they have with Referring Clinicians, including: ownership interests held by Referring Clinicians in the hospital operator or in equipment used in the hospital; the provision of certain “high value” services to Referring Clinicians; the availability of “low value” basic amenities for Referring Clinicians; and any remuneration for services provided by Referring Clinicians to the hospital. Set out below is information about the arrangements we have with Referring Clinicians at our hospital.

Higher Value Services

We charge our Referring Clinicians £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £16 (plus VAT) per hour for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £300 per month to the Aberdeen Orthopaedic Network for using space for medical secretaries and administrators. Telephone and postage charges are included.

Lower Value Services

We provide a number of support services to our Referring Clinicians, for which we do not make a charge. Further details regarding these arrangements are provided on our [corporate webpages](#).

General Corporate Hospitality

At this hospital, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpages, further details regarding these arrangements are provided on our [corporate webpages](#).

In addition, members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee receive dinner at their quarterly meetings, which costs approximately £31.50 per person.

Our hospital also holds periodic training and information sessions with Referring Clinicians throughout the year. There were two events in 2023 to which all Referring Clinicians were invited and the average cost was approximately £800.

Referring Clinicians are also invited to take part in an annual fundraising event, Run Balmoral, to support the hospital's local charity. The entry fee is paid for by the hospital and costs approximately £20-30 per person depending on the distance run.

Financial Interests

There are no Referring Clinicians with financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within or at our hospital.

Services Arrangements

Dr Brian Jones, Referring Clinician Microbiologist, provides infection control services to our hospital, Ross Hall Hospital, Ross Hall Clinic Braehead and Kings Park Hospital and is paid £2,315 per month by Ross Hall Hospital for this service.

Clinical Chair

Post currently vacant

The role when filled includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings, and is paid £12,000 per year for these services. In addition, the Clinical Chair will also attend national Clinical Chair meetings, generally in London, for which we reimburse their reasonable travel and attendance expenses.

Questions

Should you have any further questions in this area, please contact us by email at company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk

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