

BMI Thornbury Hospital

Introduction

Consultants are critical to each BMI Healthcare hospital. However, in common with other private healthcare operators and in most instances, BMI Healthcare 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. BMI Healthcare 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 common arrangements we have with Referring Clinicians. Further details are also available on our individual hospital webpages.

Higher Value Services

We charge our Referring Clinicians £20 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £15 (plus VAT) per hour for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians a monthly fee to rent a room out for their private medical secretaries. The private secretary of Mr Mostafa Metwally, Gynaecologist, is the only private secretary based at the hospital and Mr Mostafa Metwally pays £130 per month for this inclusive of stationery and telephone charges.

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 at [click here](#).

General Corporate Hospitality

In addition to the arrangements detailed on our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospital Executive Director, their PA and the hospital Directors of Operations and Clinical Services are also invited to attend the dinner. The dinner costs approximately £1,000.

Financial Interests

Dr Eissa, Anaesthetist, owns a Radiofrequency Regulator which he uses at the hospital for pain management. No charge is made for its use by the hospital.

Mr Dodd, Vascular Surgeon, owns a Radiofrequency Regulator which he uses to treat varicose veins at the hospital. No charge is made for its use by the hospital however there are charges for room hire at £113.75 per hour and consumables at £156.

Mr Metwally, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Reproductive Medicine Clinician, owns an Ultrasound machine which he uses at the hospital. No charge is made for its use by the hospital.

Services Arrangements

Dr James Wigfull, Anaesthetist, acts as the hospital's critical care advisor/lead for which he is paid £1,000 per month for this service.

Clinical Chair

Mr Kingsley Draviaraj is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Kingsley Draviaraj's attends the Clinical Governance Committee meetings at the hospital. Mr Kingsley Draviaraj is reimbursed £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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