

Circle Cheshire Clinic

Introduction

Consultants are critical to each Circle Health Group hospital. 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 hospitals and consultants who have Practising Privileges or treat private patients or refer them for tests at private facilities (“**Referring Clinicians**”). These Practising Privileges set forth the high standards of care and professional conduct we expect of consultants working in Circle facilities.

In accordance with the CMA Order, hospital operators are prohibited from offering any incentive scheme or arrangement, whether legally enforceable or not, or incentive, which is intended to induce or may be reasonably regarded as inducing Referring Clinicians to refer 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 this hospital.

Higher Value Services

We charge our Referring Clinicians £24.60 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £20 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians £18.96 per square metre, per month when using space at our hospital for their own private medical secretaries.

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 ([Consultants](#) and [GPs](#)).

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 ([Consultants](#) and [GPs](#)).

In addition, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee and their partners to an annual dinner. The hospital Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services are invited to attend the annual dinner. The dinner cost approximately £2000.

Our hospital also holds specialty dinners at intervals during the year with groups of Referring Clinicians as information gathering and sharing events. All Referring Clinicians are invited. The average cost of each dinner is approximately £1000.

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

There are no Referring Clinicians holding part-time positions at our hospital.

Questions

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

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