

## Circle Hospital Reading

### *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”).

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 (and other non-employee healthcare professionals such as GPs, dieticians, and podiatrists) for using consulting rooms at our hospital and for medical secretarial services we provide to them. Referring Clinicians are not charged for their use of consulting rooms and/or hospital medical secretarial services in respect of their NHS patients. We also charge for rooms at the hospital used by Referring Clinicians’ own medical secretaries.

At this hospital, we charge our Referring Clinicians £21.00 per hour for the use of our consulting rooms, except in relation to NHS patients. We also charge approximately £25 per hour for secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

### *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 webpage [here](#).

### ***General Corporate Hospitality***

At this hospital, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpage [here](#).

In addition to the arrangements detailed on our corporate webpage, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospital's Senior Management Team are invited to attend the annual dinner. The dinner approximately costs £1,500.

### ***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***

Mr Kumuran Thiruppathy, Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon, is paid £3,000 per year to act as JAG (Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy) Lead for our hospital.

### ***Clinical Chair***

Dr Sally Ann-Ryder is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Dr Sally Ann-Ryder's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Dr Sally Ann-Ryder is paid £13,000 per year for these services. In addition, we pay Dr Sally Anne-Ryder £200 per hour for additional hours of advice and support. 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 [corporate.compliance@circlehealthgroup.co.uk](mailto:corporate.compliance@circlehealthgroup.co.uk).

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