

Goring Hall Hospital

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 £20 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, 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 webpages ([Consultants](#) and [GPs](#)).

General Corporate Hospitality

At our 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, the hospital provides dinner for members of its Medical Advisory Committee at committee meetings. The dinners approximately cost £10 per head. Members are also provided with a Christmas gift each year, worth approximately £40 per person.

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 in the relevant speciality are invited and the average cost is approximately £50 per person.

In exchange for services provided by the hospital to Worthing Raiders Rugby Club, to the approximate value of £4,740, the hospital receives sponsorship opportunities and invitations to all home games, which the hospital makes available to staff and Referring Clinicians.

Financial Interests

West Sussex Urology LLP, of which each of Mr Barnaby Chappel, Mr Simon Woodhams, Mr William Britnell and Mr Robert Frymann is a 12.5% owner, owns a Clarius handheld bladder scanner. The hospital does not pay for the use of this equipment.

Mr Faz Pakarian, Consultant Gynaecologist, owns a Sonosite ultrasound machine. The hospital does not pay for the use of this equipment.

Mr Mario Francis Caruana, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, owns a Sonosite ultrasound machine. The hospital does not pay for the use of this equipment.

Mr Waleed Al-Singary, Consultant Urologist, owns an ultrasound machine. The hospital does not pay for the use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

There are no service arrangements between Referring Clinicians and our hospital.

Clinical Chair

Mr David Clark is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr David Clark's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr David Clark is paid £13,000 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 corporate.compliance@circlehealthgroup.co.uk.

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