

Mount Alvernia 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**”).

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 £22 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £22.00 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians £200 per desk (per month) for using space for their own medical secretaries. This includes one standard filing cabinet for storage. Any additional storage is subject to availability and is subject to an additional charge.

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, the hospital holds an annual dinner for members of its Medical Advisory Committee, to which the hospital Senior Management Team are also invited. The dinner approximately costs £45 per person.

The hospital has a sponsorship agreement with Guildford Flames Ice Hockey Club which includes access to two matchday corporate boxes per season and two season tickets for home games. The hospital makes these available to staff and Referring Clinicians on a fair and equal basis.

Financial Interests

Alongside BMI Imaging Clinic Limited, eight Referring Clinicians have invested into Mount Alvernia PET CT Limited which owns and operates a fixed PET CT scanner at the hospital. Those Referring Clinicians are Dr Anthony Neal, Dr Sharadah Essapen, Dr Veni Ezhil, Dr Alexandra Stewart, Dr Tony Dhillon, Professor Hardev Pandha, Dr Wood and Professor Stephen Langley. Dr Neal, Professor Langley, Dr Essapen and Dr Ezhil each have a 3% shareholding, Dr Stewart has a 1.5% shareholding, Dr Dhillon has a 1% shareholding and Dr Wood and Dr Pandha each have a 0.75% shareholding. Mount Alvernia PET CT Limited pays our hospital £100,647 per year to rent hospital space.

Laser Vision Limited, of which each of Mr Rakesh Jayaswal, Consultant Ophthalmologist, and Mr Michael Tappin, Consultant Ophthalmologist, is a 50% owner, owns a Slit Lamp, Endothelial Cell Counter, Visual Fields Analyser, 1 x Penta Cam/Typography and and OCT machine. The hospital pays Laser Vision Limited £21,437 per annum for use of the equipment.

Services Arrangements

Dr Nick Ashford, Consultant Radiologist, is the Nuclear Medicine and FDG PET CT ARSAC licence holder at the hospital. Dr Ashford is paid £5,000 per year, per licence.

Dr Vineet Prakash, Consultant Radiologist, is the PSMA PET CT ARSAC licence holder at the hospital. Dr Prakash is paid £5,000 per year to hold this licence.

Clinical Chair

Dr Alex Horton, Consultant Radiologist, is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Dr Alex Horton's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Dr Alex Horton 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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