

The Priory 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 £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £7.90 per half hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians for hospital space used by their own private medical secretaries. The fee is £125/month (per person) for using up to 20 hours of office space a week and £250/month (per person) for using more than 20 hours of office space a week. Telephone charges are included within this fee and postage is charged separately.

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 has a sponsorship agreement with Warwickshire County Cricket club which includes access to tickets for cricket events and matches. In 2025, our hospital invited specialties of Referring Clinicians (anaesthetists, surgeons and oncologists), together with members of the Senior Management Team and heads of department to attend four cricket matches at Edgbaston Cricket Stadium.

The hospital has a sponsorship agreement with both Moseley Rugby Club and Sutton United Football Club. These agreements include tickets to games, which the hospital makes available to Referring Clinicians and staff on a fair and equal basis.

Our hospital also holds specialty dinners with Referring Clinicians as an information gathering and sharing event. The cost of these speciality dinners is approximately £50 per head.

Financial Interests

Dr Peter Good, Consultant Neurophysiologist (specialising in Ophthalmics), owns various ophthalmology equipment (electro diagnostic machine, Heidelberg OCT with printer, HRT and IOL master). The hospital pays a flat monthly fee of £250 for use of this equipment.

Mr Kesavapillai Subramonian, Consultant Urologist, owns a urology laser through Birmingham Urology Ltd. The hospital pays £500 per month for use of this laser.

Circle Health Group has a referral agreement with Docspert Health Limited (“Docspert”) under which CHG pays a commission to Docspert for each international patient referral. Professor Hisham Mehanna, a Consultant Specialist in Head, Neck and Thyroid Surgery, with practicing privileges at our Priory and Meriden hospitals, has a 20% shareholding in Docspert. Professor Mehanna does not treat patients referred under the referral arrangement.

Dr Noushad Mytheen, Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist, owns equipment for nerve conduction studies. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Dr Howard Marshall, Consultant Cardiologist, Dr Manish Kalla, Dr Joseph de Bono and Dr Mauro Lencioni, all Consultant Cardiologists and Electrophysiologists, jointly own an ECG machine. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Dr Ricky Shamji, Consultant in Sport and Exercise and Musculoskeletal Medicine, owns a Mindray diagnostic ultrasound. The hospital pays £1000 per month for the use of this equipment.

Dr Ali Hamaad, Consultant Cardiologist, owns an echocardiogram ultrasound. The hospital does not pay for the use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

Professor Rishi Singhal, Consultant Bariatric and Upper GI Surgeon, is an Officer of GBG Healthcare Limited. Our hospital provides GBG Healthcare Limited, via its trading name ‘Healthier Weight’, with hospital services for the delivery of Bariatric Services to GBG Healthcare Limited’s patients.

Dr Andrew Holt, Consultant Gastroenterologist (Hepatology), fulfils the role of Clinical Lead for Endoscopy Services and leads on all aspects of due diligence for the hospital's accreditation with JAG (Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy). Dr Andrew Holt is paid £6,000 per year for these services.

Clinical Chair

Mr Shahzada Ahmed, Consultant ENT and Skull Base Surgeon, is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Shahzada Ahmed's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Shahzada Ahmed is paid £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 corporate.compliance@circlehealthgroup.co.uk.

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