

## Syon Clinic

### ***Introduction***

Consultants are critical to each Circle Health Group hospital. However, 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 hospital groups and consultants who have Practising Privileges or treat private patients or refer them for tests at group facilities (“**Referring Clinicians**”).

In accordance with the CMA Order, hospital operators are prohibited from entering into any incentive schemes that are designed to encourage Referring Clinicians to refer private 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 our hospital.

### ***Higher Value Services***

We charge our Referring Clinicians £18 per hour for using consulting rooms at our 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](#).

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

At this clinic, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpages, further details regarding these arrangements are provided on our [corporate webpages](#).

In addition, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospital Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services are invited to attend the annual dinner. The dinner approximately costs £1,000.

Our hospital also periodically holds a consultant mixer for Referring Clinicians. All consultants and their partners are invited and the average cost is approximately £2,500.

### ***Financial Interests***

Professor Nicola Maffulli, Orthopaedic Surgeon, owns a shockwave machine. The hospital pays £100 per month for use of this equipment.

BMI Syon Clinic is a 50/50 joint venture (BMI Syon Clinic Limited) between a BMI group company (General Healthcare Holdings (3) Limited) and Sentosa UK Limited. BMI Syon Clinic Limited leases the property from Sentosa UK Limited.

Referring Consultant/GP shareholders in Sentosa UK Limited are Professor Jaspal Kooner (whose shareholding is c47% of the total<sup>1</sup>), Davinderpal Kooner (c19% shareholding), Brian O'Connor (c5.4% shareholding), Henri Thuau (c4.6% shareholding), Jay Arnold (c3% shareholding), Kailash Desai (c5.4% shareholding), Kalpesh Patel (c2.7% shareholding), Mike Irani (c5.4% shareholding), Rajiv Vashist (c2.8% shareholding), Sanjiv Agarwal (c1.4% shareholding) and Alan Kohn, Awad Awaad, Farhad Aref, Navin Thakrar, Shorheh Beski, Sunil Mayor, and Vikram Bhatt (each c0.06% shareholding).

London Heart Clinic Limited (owned by Professor Jaspal Kooner, Professor of Clinical Cardiology) owns and operates the cardiology service at our hospital. The clinic pays rent to the hospital of £9,996 per annum.

Professor Kooner has an indirect financial interest in a dental clinic at Syon Clinic for which the clinic pays the hospital £16,669.92 per annum.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Professor Kooner is a director of BMI Syon Clinic Limited (he receives no payment for this role).

### ***Clinical Chair***

Dr Nickolaos Pantazopoulos is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Dr Nickolaos Pantazopoulos' role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Dr Nickolaos Pantazopoulos 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 [company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk](mailto:company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk).

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<sup>1</sup> Professor Kooner has clarified with the Competition & Markets Authority that his interest (via Sentosa UK Limited) in BMI Syon Clinic Limited falls outside the scope of the Competition & Markets Authority Private Healthcare Market Investigation Order 2014