

Syon Clinic

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 £20 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 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 Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services are invited to attend the annual dinner. The dinner approximately costs £2,200.

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, Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedics and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, owns a shockwave machine. The hospital pays £100 per month for use of this equipment.

Syon Clinic is a 50/50 joint venture (Syon Clinic Limited) between a Circle Health Group company (General Healthcare Holdings (3) Limited) and Sentosa New Limited. Syon Clinic Limited leases the property from Sentosa New Limited.

Referring Consultant/GP shareholders in Sentosa New Limited are Professor Jaspal Kooner, Professor of Clinical Cardiology and Consultant Cardiologist (whose shareholding is c46.9% of the total¹), Professor Jayantha Arnold, Consultant Gastroenterologist (c3.3% shareholding), Mr Rajiv Vashist, Consultant General Surgeon (c2.8% shareholding), Mr Sanjiv Agarwal, Consultant Urologist (c1.3% shareholding) and Dr Farhad Aref-Adib, Consultant Radiologist and Ms Shorheh Beski, Consultant Gynaecologist & Obstetrician (each c0.06% shareholding).

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

Dr Arjuna Nagendran, Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist, owns and uses a neuro electromyography (EMG) machine. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

Professor Jaspal Kooner, Professor of Clinical Cardiology and Consultant Cardiologist, is a director of Syon Clinic Limited (he receives no payment for this role).

Clinical Chair

Dr Nickolaos Pantazopoulos, Consultant Cardiologist, 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 £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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¹ Professor Jaspal Kooner has clarified with the Competition & Markets Authority that his interest (via Sentosa New Limited) in Syon Clinic Limited falls outside the scope of the Competition & Markets Authority Private Healthcare Market Investigation Order 2014.