

The Alexandra 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 £26 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians £30 per square metre, per month using space at our hospital for their own private medical secretaries.

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 this hospital, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpages ([Consultants](#) and [GPs](#)).

In addition, the hospital holds an annual dinner for members of its Medical Advisory Committee, to which members’ partners are also invited. The dinner approximately costs £2,000.

Financial Interests

There are no Referring Clinicians with financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within or at our hospital.

Services Arrangements

Supportive Care (UK) Limited (of which Dr Richard Berman, Physician, owns more than 25% of the shares in this company) provides the hospital with palliative care services, including 24/7 on-call provision and receives an annual fee of £20,000 for these services.

Cardiovascular Services Limited, in which Mr David Murray, Dr Jonathan Ghosh, Dr Ananth Krishnan, Mr Mark Welch and Mr Steven Richardson, Vascular Surgeons, who all own 19% of the shares each, provides the hospital with cardiovascular services and charges £450 per hour.

Heart Physiology Limited, in which Dr David Fox, Cardiologist, Dr Ben Brown, Cardiologist, and Keith Peace, Bank Physiologist, each own a third of the business provides cardiac physiology services at a fee per case of £300.

Simply Hear Limited, of which Lucy-Anne Hastings and Zoe Wyatt, Clinical Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispensers, are 50% owners, provides hearing tests and assessments at the hospital and are paid approximately £5,800 per month for this service.

Clinical Chair

Mr Mohammed Saeed is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Mohammed Saeed's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Mohammed Saeed is paid £18,000 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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