

The Beaumont 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 £20 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, 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 £75 per person.

Our hospital also holds specialty dinners at intervals during the year with groups of Referring Clinicians as information gathering and sharing events. All Referring Clinicians are invited, and the average cost is approximately £30 per head.

The hospital has a sponsorship agreement with Leigh Leopards which includes access to invitations to games throughout the year. The hospital makes these available to staff and Referring Clinicians on a fair and equal basis.

The hospital has a sponsorship agreement with Bolton Golf Club which includes access to four memberships, which the hospital makes available to staff and Referring Clinicians on a fair and equal basis.

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

Mr David Smith, Consultant Colorectal and General Surgeon, is the hospital endoscopy lead consultant chairing Endoscopy User Group meetings and performing annual reviews of data in line with requirements for JAG (Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy) accreditation. Mr David Smith is paid £250 per month for these services.

Bolton Anaesthetic Group, made up of Mohammed Akuji, Madhu Balasubramaniam, Khaled Girgirah, Zeeshan Malik, Michael McEvoy, Seelanere Nandini, Daniel Nethercott, Carl Oakden, Wyn Price, Anthony Putland, Kanekal Sriangadarshan, and Insiya Susnerwala, all Consultant Anaesthetists, conducts pre-operative anaesthetic reviews of patients at a rate of £35 per note review and £65 per patient if a face-to-face appointment is required.

Simply Hear Limited, of which Lucy-Anne Hastings and Zoe Wyatt, Clinical Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispensers, are 50% owners, provides hearing tests using their own equipment and hearing assessments at the hospital and is paid approximately £1,085 per month.

Clinical Chair

Mr Philip Wykes, Consultant Orthopaedic, Trauma and Reconstruction Surgeon, is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. My Philips Wykes' role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Philip Wykes 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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