

Blackheath Hospital

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 £23 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 hospital, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpages, further details regarding these arrangements are provided on our [corporate webpages](#).

In addition, the hospital holds an annual dinner for the members of its Medical Advisory Committee. The dinner approximately costs £100 per person.

Financial Interests

Mr Alistair Purves, Consultant Neurophysiologist, owns a Nerve Conduction System which he uses at our hospital. The hospital pays £200 per month for use of the equipment.

Dr Yakubu Karagama, Consultant ENT Surgeon, owns an ENT Stack System which he uses at our hospital. The hospital pays £3,500 per month for the use of the equipment.

Services Arrangements

Cardiology Diagnostic Solutions Limited (Mr Steven Bowbrick, Cardiac Physiologist, owns 100% of the shares in this company) provides our hospital with cardiac physiology services and is paid an annual fee of £96,860 for these services.

South London Critical Care Limited (whose shareholders are Dr Chris Willars, Dr Chris Holland and Mr Savvas Vlachos, all of whom are Referring Clinicians and each of whom has a c33% shareholding) provides our hospital with an on call and daily ward round service for the hospital's level 2 high dependency unit patients. The fee paid for this service is £6,600 per month, as well as a per patient attendance charge (ranging between £200-£250 dependent upon patient type).

Dr Mustafa Atta, Referring Clinician Microbiologist, provides the hospital with microbiology and infection prevention and control support. Dr Mustafa Atta is paid £900 per month for this service.

Clinical Chair

Mr Midhat Siddiqui is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Midhat Siddiqui's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Midhat Siddiqui 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.

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