

Blackheath 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 £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 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, 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 £1,750 per month for the use of the equipment.

Mr Sami Habal, Consultant Ophthalmologist, owns a vitrectomy machine which he uses at our hospital. The hospital pays £1,575 per month for the use of the equipment.

Services Arrangements

Cardiology Diagnostic Solutions Limited (Mr Steven Bowbrick, Cardiac Physiologist, owns directly and indirectly 100% of the shares in this company) provides our hospital with cardiac physiology services and is paid an annual fee of approximately £140,000 to £150,000 per year for these services.

South London Critical Care Limited (whose shareholders are Dr Pervez Ali Khan, 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 £6,083 per month, as well as a per patient attendance charge (ranging between £200-£300 dependent upon patient type).

Dr Mustafa Atta, Consultant Medical 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, Consultant Surgeon, 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 £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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