

The Clementine Churchill 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 this hospital.

Higher Value Services

We charge our Referring Clinicians £20 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital and £19 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians £6,500 per room (per year) for using space at our hospital for their own 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](#).

General Corporate Hospitality

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

In addition to the arrangements detailed on our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The dinner approximately costs within the region of £500 and £1,000.

We also invited all consultants to the grand opening of our new Imaging Department in December 2023. The event approximately cost £50 per person.

Financial Interests

Mr Nick Lee, Referring Clinician Ophthalmologist, owns and operates an Optical Coherence Tomographer (OCT). No charge is made for its use by the hospital.

Miss Pampa Sarkar, Consultant Gynaecologist, owns and operates a portable ultrasound scanner at the hospital. The hospital does not pay the consultant for use of this equipment.

Harrow Healthcare Centre, a private GP surgery owned by Dr Gaya Nathan who also has Practising Privileges at this hospital, has entered into a lease for an area in the hospital. The surgery pays £4,625 per quarter for the area.

Services Arrangements

GHW Partnership (comprised of Referring Clinician Anaesthetists Gary Wares, Munita Grover and Donna Hall) provides the hospital with intensivist cover for its Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU). The amount paid is variable, depending on the number of patients in the Unit. Payment of £200 per bed day is due if the ITU is empty, the payment reduces on a sliding scale per patient depending upon the number of patients in the ITU.

Dr A Castello-Cortes, Referring Clinician Anaesthetist, reviews patients at the hospital's pre-assessment clinics and receives £150 per hour for this service.

Mr Gopal Rao, Referring Clinician Microbiologist, provides the hospital with advice in microbiology and infection prevention and control, both generally and in relation to individual patients, for which he receives £2,000 per month for this service.

Dr Matthew Knight, Referring Clinician Respiratory Physician owns a 25% share in London & Hertfordshire Respiratory Diagnostics Limited which in turn owns a Body Box lung function machine at the hospital. The company receives a 77.5% share of revenue generated from the use of this machine.

Clinical Chair

Mr Garth Allardice is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Allardice's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and chairing the Medical Advisory Committee meetings. Mr Allardice is paid £12,000 per annum for 4 hours per week 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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