

The London Independent 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 £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians between £300 - £400 per month for space to use their own medical secretaries or for administrative purposes. The fee charged depends on (1) size of the space and (2) private or shared. This is inclusive of phone calls and postage charges.

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 via 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 to the arrangements detailed on our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospitals Executive Director and the Director of Clinical Services are also invited to attend the dinner. The dinner approximately costs £1,000.

Financial Interests

Mr Nat Padhiar, Consultant Podiatric Surgeon, owns chronic compartmental syndrome diagnostic equipment. The hospital pays £60 per month for use of this equipment.

Dr David Ingram, Consultant Neurophysiologist, owns Neurophysiology diagnostic equipment. The hospital does not pay the consultant for use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

Dr Melzer, Referring Clinician Microbiologist, provides the hospital with microbiology advice, both generally and in relation to individual patients, for which he is paid £1,600 per month and £300 per patient.

Drs Khan, Wijayatilake, Garg and Jovaisa, all Referring Clinician Anaesthetists, and Dr de la Cerda, ITU Specialist (together trading as London ITU Limited) provide our hospital with consultant intensivist cover. London ITU Limited is paid a monthly fee of £31,000 for this service.

Clinical Chair

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

Miss Safina Ali is the Deputy Clinical Chair of the hospital. Miss Safina Ali's role includes deputising for Clinical Chair and consultant education and training. Miss Safina Ali is paid £12,000 per year for these services.

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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