

The Saxon Clinic

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 £25 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, we usually invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospital Executive Director, Director of Operations and Director of Clinical Services are also invited to attend the dinner. The dinner approximately costs £1,000.

Our hospital also holds annual specialty evening meetings (including dinner) with groups of Referring Clinicians. All Referring Clinicians are invited, and the average cost is approximately £35 per head.

The hospital has a sponsorship agreement with MK Dons Football Club which includes: (i) the opportunity to host a dinner for Referring Clinicians; and (ii) access to the venue to host events and ten club gold tickets (including access to private bar and premium seating) for all home league matches, which the hospital makes available to staff and Referring Clinicians on a fair and equal basis.

Financial Interests

Dr Richard Collins, Consultant in Sports and Exercise Medicine, has a portable ultrasound machine to support with diagnostic musculoskeletal diagnosis. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Dr James Lungley and Dr Michael Griffiths, Consultant Audiologists, own audiology-related equipment. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Dr Simon Freilich, Consultant Neurophysiologist, owns an electro stimulator and a laptop with associated hardware to perform nerve conduction studies. The hospital does not pay for use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

Dr Mohammed Mansoor Raza, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with infection prevention and control advice and attends the hospital's Infection Prevention and Control Committee. Dr Raza receives a payment of £900 per month for this service.

Dr Parmod Nair, Consultant Paediatrician, provides the hospital with Safeguarding advice for Children and Young Persons and attends the hospital's Children and Young Person's Committee. Dr Nair receives a payment of £600 per month for this service.

Clinical Chair

Mr Andrew James, Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon, is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Andrew James' role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Andrew James 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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