

## **BMI Blackheath Hospital**

### ***Introduction***

Consultants are critical to each BMI Healthcare hospital. However, in common with other private healthcare operators and in most instances, BMI Healthcare 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. BMI Healthcare 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 common arrangements we have with Referring Clinicians. Further details are also available on our individual hospital webpages.

### ***Higher Value Services***

We charge our Referring Clinicians £23 per hour for using consulting rooms at our hospital and £31.05 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, 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 at [click here](#) .

### ***General Corporate Hospitality***

At our hospital, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed on our corporate webpages.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Aaron Sweeney and Mr Edmund Chaloner, Referring Clinician Vascular Surgeons, each have a 50% shareholding in Sweeney Chaloner Surgical Chambers Ltd (Radiance Vein Clinic). Sweeney Chaloner Surgical Chambers Ltd owns and operates an Ultrasound Machine which is used by Mr Aaron Sweeney and Mr Edmund Chaloner at our hospital. The hospital pays Sweeney Chaloner Surgical Chambers Ltd £75 per procedure for the use of this machine.

### ***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 reimbursed £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](mailto:company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk).

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