

## **BMI The Clementine Churchill 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 £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 £6,200 per room (per year) for using space at our hospital for their own medical secretaries. Postage and telephone charges are charged separately.

### ***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***

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 hold an annual golf day at a cost of around £8,000, and which up to 40 Referring Clinicians are invited to attend.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Nick Lee, Referring Clinician Ophthalmologist, owns and operates a macular eye scanner at the hospital, paying for consulting room space at the hospital to do so.

Mr Sean Molloy, Referring Clinician Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon, owns (through his wholly-owned company S M Developments Limited) a 5% interest in an O-Arm (a surgical imaging system) at the hospital and receives a 5% share of profits arising from this machine.

### ***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 Shaw Somers is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Shaw Somers role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Shaw Somers is reimbursed £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](mailto:company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk).

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