

## **BMI Southend Private Hospital**

### ***Introduction***

Consultants are critical to each BMI Healthcare hospital. However in common with most private healthcare operators, BMI Healthcare does not employ these consultants. Instead, consultants working in our hospitals are essentially self-employed practitioners who see and treat patients at our hospitals under the terms of our 'credentialing' or 'practising privileges' policy.

It is important that we are transparent about our relationship with our consultants and therefore via our corporate webpages and below, we have set out some of the ways in which we work together.

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

Consultants are charged £20 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, except in relation to NHS patients. Medical secretarial services are provided free of charge in relation to NHS patients.

Space for consultants' medical secretaries at the site is charged at £130 per month, including phone charges. Postage charges are additional.

### ***Lower Value Services***

We provide a number of support services to our consultants, for which we do not make a charge. Further details are provided via our corporate webpages.

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

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

### ***Financial Interests***

Professor Rajesh Aggarwal and Mr Hosam Kasaby (trading as LaserSight Essex), Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons, own a CustomVis Eximer Laser and Bausch & Lomb Victus FemtoSecond Cataract machine. The hospital pays a charge for use of this equipment. LaserSight Essex also owns an IROC Cross-link Laser; no charge is paid for use of this equipment. There is similarly no charge paid for use of ForumGo Software and a PC owned by Professor Rajesh Aggarwal, this equipment being used only for research.

AK Medical Centre Limited (consultant shareholders being Professor Aggarwal, Mr Kasaby and Mr Niral Karia, all Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons) owns, indirectly, a 10% shareholding in BMI Southend Private Hospital Limited, a joint venture with a BMI group company (General Healthcare Holdings (3) Limited) and which owns and operates the hospital. There is also a lease for the hospital site with AK Medical Centre Limited.

***Services Arrangements***

There are no consultants holding part-time positions at our hospital, although both Professor Aggarwal and Mr Kasaby are directors of BMI Southend Private Hospital Limited.

***Questions***

Should you have any further questions in this area, please contact us by email at [company.secretary@bmihealthcare.co.uk](mailto:company.secretary@bmihealthcare.co.uk).

*February 2020*