

## **BMI The Winterbourne 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 and £15 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

Consultants whose private secretaries use space at the hospital are charged an appropriate market rate; we charge £200 per month for a room at the hospital used by the private secretary of Mr Andrew Hilton, Consultant Spinal Surgeon. Postage and telephone 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 webpage.

### ***Financial Interests***

There are no consultants with financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within or at our hospital.

### ***Services Arrangements***

UKOMS (Medical) Limited provides the hospital with microbiology advice, receiving £800 per month for this. The consultant shareholders in UKOMS (Medical) Limited are Professor Ian Stockley, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Dr David Partridge, Consultant Microbiologist (each with c14% shareholding) and Dr Matthias Radatz, Consultant Neurosurgeon and Dr Rob Townsend, Consultant Microbiologist (who have indirect shareholdings of c7% and c14%, respectively).

***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).

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