

## **BMI Thornbury 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 (plus VAT) per hour for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

One Health Group (a group of consultants) also use a consulting room at the hospital and pay £3,120 per month for this.

We charge a per room per month fee for consultants using space for their own medical secretaries. The private secretary of Mr Metwally, Consultant Gynaecologist, is the only private secretary based at the hospital and Mr Metwally pays £130 per month for this plus stationery and telephone charges.

### ***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, in addition to the arrangements detailed via our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner, which is also attended by the hospital Executive Director and their PA as well as by the hospital Directors of Operations and Clinical Services. The dinner generally costs around £1,000.

### ***Financial Interests***

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

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr James Wigfull, Consultant Anaesthetist, acts as the hospital's critical care advisor/lead for which he receives £1,000 per month.

### *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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