

BMI The Clementine Churchill 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 £19 per hour (plus VAT) for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £6,200 per room per year for consultants using space at the hospital for their own medical secretaries. 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, in addition to the arrangements detailed via our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner, the cost of which is generally between £500 and £1,000.

We also hold an annual golf day at a cost of around £8,000, and which up to 40 consultants attend.

Financial Interests

Mr Nick Lee, 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, Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon, owns (via his wholly owned company S M Developments Limited) a 5% interest in an O-Arm (a surgical imaging system) at the hospital, receiving a 5% share of profits arising from this machine.

Services Arrangements

GHW Partnership (made up of Gary Wares, Munita Grova and Donna Hall, all Consultant Anaesthetists) 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; no payment is due if the ITU is empty.

GGW Pre-assessment Limited (whose equal shareholders are Gary Wares, Vimal Grover and Munita Grova, all Consultant Anaesthetists) supports the hospital's pre-assessment clinics, seeing the hospital's complex patients to ensure a thorough pre-assessment occurs. The company is paid £200 per hour for this work.

Mr Gopal Rao, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with advice in microbiology and infection prevention and control both generally and in relation to individual patients. Mr Rao is paid £2,000 per month for this.

Questions

Should you have any further questions in this area, please contact us by email at company.secretary@bmihealthcare.co.uk.

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