

BMI The Chaucer 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.

We charge for storing consultants' medical records at the hospital, as follows:

- 1-5 boxes - £15 per month
- 6-10 boxes - £25 per month
- Above 10 boxes - £35 per month

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's Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services. The dinner generally costs around £500.

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 Srinivasulu Reddy, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with infection prevention consultant support, for which he is paid £1,000 per month.

East Kent Haematologists (made up of Drs Joanna Elliott, Gillian Evans, Jindriska Lindsay, Chris Pocock, Vijita Ratnayake and Kamiran Said) provide haematological support for the hospital's oncology service and receive a fee of £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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