

## **BMI Woodlands 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 main website and below, we have set out some of the ways in which we work together.

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

Consultants are charged £18 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.

### ***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 main website.

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

At this hospital, in addition to the arrangements detailed via our main website, 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 Nursing. The dinner generally costs around £1,500.

### ***Financial Interests***

Under the brand 'ST Biometry', Mr Richard Stirling and Mr Saju Thomas, both Consultant Ophthalmologists, jointly own a biometry machine and a (cataract) phacoemulsification machine; the hospital pays a charge for use of this equipment.

Under the brand 'North East Eye Care', Mr Saju Thomas owns a Yag laser and fields, air pressure and vitrectomy machines; the hospital pays a charge for use of this equipment.

### ***Services Arrangements***

There are no consultants holding part-time positions at our hospital.

### ***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).

*April 2015*