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 corporate webpages 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 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 Director of Clinical Services. 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.

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