

## **BMI The Edgbaston 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 £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, and £7.90 (plus VAT) per half hour for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £125 per month for each non-BMI medical secretary using space at the hospital, inclusive of any telephone charges. Postage charges are additional.

Office space is also used by Susan Wilcox (trading as The Medical Secretariat), a private (non-BMI Healthcare) secretarial service, whose services are used by a number of consultants working at Edgbaston and/or Priory Hospitals. The Medical Secretariat is charged £250 per month for office space, inclusive of electricity and telephone charges. Postage 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, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed via our corporate webpages.

### ***Financial Interests***

Many of the consultants at BMI The Edgbaston Hospital also practice at BMI The Priory Hospital; please therefore also see the information provided via the BMI The Priory Hospital webpage regarding consultants with financial interests. Other than those disclosed via that webpage, there are no other consultants with financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within or at our hospital.

### ***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).

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