

## **BMI Fawkham Manor 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, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £75 per desk per month and £90 per office per month for consultants using space for their own medical secretaries.

### ***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 main website, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner, which is also attended by the hospital Executive Director, Director of Clinical Services, Operations Manager and Executive Personal Assistant. Partners are also invited. The dinner generally costs around £900.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Martin Knight, Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon, owns instrumentation used in cervical spine and endoscopic spine procedures; the hospital pays a charge for use of this instrumentation.

Mr Andrew McIrvine, Consultant Surgeon, owns a VNUS laser at the hospital (used for varicose vein treatment); the hospital pays a charge for use of this equipment.

Dr Sriramulu Tharakaram, Consultant Dermatologist, owns a light source used for photodynamic therapy, and pays for the use of outpatient hospital facilities when carrying out photodynamic therapy using the light source.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr Andrew Mackay, Consultant Microbiologist, provides microbiology and infection prevention and control support to the hospital at a cost of £500 per month.

***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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