

## **BMI The Highfield 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 £18 (plus VAT) per hour for using our medical secretarial services, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £0.60 per square metre, per month (or £200 per full-time office worker, per month) for consultants using space for their own medical secretaries. This is inclusive of stationery, telephone and postage charges.

### ***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 key members of the hospital management dinner. Partners are also invited. The dinner generally costs around £1,000.

The hospital also hosts 'specialty evenings', with one such evening per specialty per year, to which consultants of the relevant specialty are invited. These events cost the hospital up to £200 each.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Mohammad Abdul-Nabi, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, owns some ophthalmology equipment; the hospital pays a charge for using 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).

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