

## **BMI The Huddersfield 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 £20 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital and £18 (plus VAT) 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, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed via our corporate webpages.

### ***Financial Interests***

There are no consultants with financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within or at our hospital.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr David Birkenhead, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with microbiology advice as and when required and chairs the hospital's Infection Prevention Committee. Dr Birkenhead is paid £7,500 per year for this.

### ***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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