

## **BMI The Somerfield 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 those wishing to use a hospital medical secretarial service are charged £20 per hour (plus VAT), except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £200 per desk space per month for consultants using space at the hospital 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, we provide general corporate hospitality as detailed via our corporate webpages.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Christopher Jenkins, Consultant Ophthalmologist, owns an ophthalmic laser and some non-invasive imaging equipment for the eyes (optical coherence tomography); the hospital pays a charge for use of the laser and equipment.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr Khan, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with infection prevention and control advice and is paid £417 per month 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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