

## **BMI Three Shires 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 (plus VAT) per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge £15 (plus VAT) per half day session for consultants using space at the hospital for their own medical secretaries inclusive of stationery and telephone charges.

The hospital provides theatre and nursing services at a market rate to Plastic Surgery and Cosmetic Centre Limited, trading as Aurora Clinics; the majority owner of this business is Adrian Richards, a Consultant Plastic Surgeon.

### ***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 corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospital Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services also attend and the cost of the dinner is generally around £400.

### ***Financial Interests***

Mr Mike Griffiths, Consultant Clinical Scientist, owns various audiology-related equipment at the hospital; the hospital pays a fee when this equipment is used.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr Minas Minassian, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with microbiology and infection control advice and support to the hospital infection control team, including out of hours. Dr Minassian is paid £7,200 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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