

Competition and Markets Authority Declaration

It is important that we are transparent about how we work with our consultants who see private patients at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust and, in accordance with the requirements of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Private Healthcare Markets Investigation Order 2014, we outline below some of the ways in which we work together:

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Trust does not offer any inducements to referring clinicians to refer private patients to the RUH. RUH facilities can only be used for private patient activity by clinicians who are existing employees of the Trust, as outlined in the Trust's Private Patient Policy. Consultants are required to comply with the Trust's Private Patient Policy, including being on the Private Practice Register. The charges for use of consulting rooms and other hospital facilities are agreed in advance of booking a private patient into the hospital.

The following services are available to our referring clinicians to support Private Care:

General services provided to ensure clinical safety

- In-house training is provided as part of the NHS induction programme, including the medical induction package and in line with NHS on-going training.
- Operational services such as patient admission and administration are provided to consultants to support both their NHS and private practice at the RUH.
- With the exception of the consultant's element of the fees from a package priced procedure, which only applies to a small number of lower value (financially) procedures, the Trust does not currently bill on behalf of consultants and does not make any other payments to them.

Basic workplace amenities

- Tea and coffee is not provided to consultants.
- Stationery is provided to enable consultants to arrange NHS and private patient admissions and treatment.
- Meals are not subsidised or provided free of charge.
- Onsite parking spaces are provided to consultants and staff, subject to compliance with the Trust's Car Parking Policy. Consultants and staff must pay for onsite car parking.

General marketing

- Website presence.

General corporate hospitality

- The Trust does not provide any corporate hospitality events to clinicians who see private patients at the RUH.

Financial Interests

- Consultants do not have any financial interests in equipment used or services and facilities operated within the Trust.

For further information please contact our Private Patients Team:
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