

# Practice Privileges

## Qualifying Status

### 2009/10



Bupa Cromwell Hospital



Bupa Cromwell Hospital would like to make it clear that applications for practice privileges will be assessed with the following in mind:

**1. Hospital criteria:**

- a. That there is a need within the hospital for that particular candidate's expertise, both in terms of professional need as identified by consultants within the speciality, and/or extension of the skill base or cross cover, for example.
- b. When an application is received the lead representative of the appropriate speciality will ascertain that there is a need, or an opportunity afforded by that application.
- c. The expansion of any speciality within the hospital will also of course have to take into account the marketing needs as identified by the hospital for a particular specialist area, and number of practitioners already in post in the relevant speciality.
- d. A new appointment will conform to the planned strategic development of Bupa Cromwell Hospital.

**2. Individual criteria:**

- a. A specific requirement for the individual candidate is that they hold a substantive NHS consultant post, or have done so for a significant period, or an equivalent post overseas.
- b. Secondly, in addition to having the substantive NHS post they should, by clinical reputation, reference enquiry, publications and professional repute, demonstrate that they are outstanding clinicians who will enhance the reputation of the speciality within Bupa Cromwell Hospital.
- c. It is desirable that the applicant should live and work within a reasonable distance from the Hospital to enable them to provide appropriate cover.
- d. Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate that they would wish to become involved within Bupa Cromwell Hospital as their main base for private practice, and show a willingness to be available for on-call and cross cover arrangements.
- e. It is not enough to demonstrate simply the requirement for a consultant post, but to satisfy the hospital and the Practice Privileges Committee that the appointment would enhance the reputation of Bupa Cromwell Hospital, and the excellence of its care for patients.