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Step up to Disclosure UK



Today patients, the public, auditors and media expect the healthcare sector to be open about its collaborations.

Advancements in patient care happen when pharmaceutical companies and healthcare professionals (HCPs) work together. Every year, thousands of nurses, doctors, pharmacists and other HCPs work with pharmaceutical companies to improve healthcare and develop the medicines and vaccines of tomorrow.

HCPs may do this in their own time and many get paid for their expertise. This needs to be a transparent process so payments made are published by the pharmaceutical companies on Disclosure UK.

Disclosure UK helps you to be transparent about your interactions with pharmaceutical companies.

What is Disclosure UK?

Pharmaceutical companies use Disclosure UK – an online, searchable database – to be open about their relationships with HCPs. The public database displays the values received by HCPs in two ways:

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Payments for R&D
are published as a
single value, e.g. clinical
trials, and do not need
HCP agreement to
be published. These
collaborations have other
external transparency
requirements.

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Payments for non-R&D are published individually, against the named person.

Non-R&D includes many types of activity.

For example:

Examples of non-R&D, not limited to:

Doctors sharing knowledge and understanding of treatment and disease, e.g. an advisory board. The doctor will receive payment for their time and expertise.

This may also include travel and accommodation.

Companies supporting HCPs to keep up-to-date with their knowledge by paying the cost of registration for learning and development events. The HCP may not recieve a direct payment, instead the value of the registration is published.



Transparency is for everyone

Disclosure UK is important to professional bodies across healthcare who encourage HCPs to declare their interests and support the Disclosure UK database:

- The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
- The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine
- The General Medical Council
- The Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- NHS England

Together we can ensure the UK is a world leader for transparent and accountable healthcare.

Trust

To maintain patients' trust.

Transparency

To demonstrate we're working together to build a transparent and strong healthcare sector.

Collaboration

To show how HCPs and companies work together.

Ethics

The world values and recognises ethical behavior. We must not be left behind.

Conflicts of interest

Transparency is a key principle in managing conflicts of interest in the NHS.

What can I do?

It's time to think differently about disclosure. Under UK privacy laws, pharmaceutical companies may ask for your consent to add your information to the Disclosure UK database.

- 1 Step forward say yes to Disclosure UK.*
- Healthcare organisations also collaborate with companies. If you are an employer, consider encouraging individuals to step forward and say yes to Disclosure UK.

*If you are asked and do not agree, the values are published as a single value without a name.



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