

Request title: Benefits from Pharmaceutical or Medical Device Companies

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

I am seeking details of financial links between pharmaceutical/medical device companies and doctors/officials involved in providing advice/making decisions on which drugs NHS Trusts should use/prescribe.

This includes the practice of doctors/officials taking part in paid "advisory board" meetings for such firms.

I note that the NHS standards of business conduct state that "work with another organisation which might be in a position to supply goods/services" to the NHS could conflict with an employee's NHS work and should be declared.

I also note that while many Trusts publish conflict of interests registers, the public registers generally do not cover officials responsible for medicines management and pharmacy, or senior pharmaceutical advisors.

I would be grateful if you could fill in the attached template for any such officials, or equivalent, as well as other members of your Trust's governing body and its prescribing committees.

As you will see from the attached template I am requesting details of:

a) payments from pharmaceutical/medical device companies (please name the companies and include payment amounts), and the nature of any work.

b) gifts/hospitality/trips funded by such firms (including names of the companies and value of benefit where available please)

Please include any interests from the last financial year (2014/2015), where the benefit came from a pharmaceutical or medical device company.

Reply

The Trust keeps an up to date list of all recorded gifts / hospitality / benefits on its website which can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.rdehospital.nhs.uk/trust/ft/documents.html#Gifts>