

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 4 July, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

[Request and Response:](#)

1. Policy:

- a. Does your organisation have any policy/policies which regulate the relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and the Trust? If so, please provide copies of or links to the relevant policies. [Yes – Medicines Management Policy and Code of Conduct Policy \(copies attached\)](#)
- b. Does the policy/policies cover the following issues?
 - i. Drug companies offering any gift, pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff. YES
 - ii. Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher). YES
 - iii. Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff. YES
 - iv. Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events. YES
 - v. Drug company information/advice leaflets. NO
 - vi. Drug company advertising materials on premises (including pens, mugs, calendars, or other equipment with pharmaceutical company

logo or information e.g. Blood pressure machines, tourniquet). YES

vii. Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies. YES

2. Monitoring

a. How is the relationship between the Trust and the pharmaceutical industry **monitored**?

Register of declarations of interest and hospitality is kept by the Trust secretary.

The Disclosures Database held by the ABPI and the EDIS managed by the DH are also monitored.

b. Please advise us how the organisation monitors the following **and** provide us with any data the organisation gathered for the calendar year 2016:

	Has this occurred? Yes/No		Information Not Collected
Drug companies offering any gift, pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff	No	Examples	
Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher)	Yes	Number of staff Professions/roles?	
Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff.	No	Number of events?	
Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events	Yes	Number of events?	
Drug company information/advice leaflets	No	Examples	
Drug company advertising materials on premises (including pens, mugs, calendars, or other equipment with pharmaceutical company logo or information e.g. Blood pressure machines, tourniquet).	No	Examples	
Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies.	No	Staff YES/NO Trust YES/NO	

The questions below relate to the last financial year:

3. What was the total annual spend by the Trust on psychiatric medications? £2,478,005

4a. What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on brand name medication?

Unable to say as policy is to prescribe by generic name

b. What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on generic medication? Unable to say as policy is to prescribe by generic name

5. a. What proportion of the medicines budget was spent on atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? 39% of total medicines budget (51% of mental health prescribing budget)

b. What percentage of patients are currently prescribed atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? Not known

6. What two companies account for the largest proportion of overall medicines spend, and what percentage of the medicines budget does each of these constitute

i. Janssen Cilag 33%

ii. Lundbeck 15%

7. What two companies provide the most hospitality/training/gifts/sponsorship?

i. Sunovion

ii. Shire

8. a. Does the trust inform service users when prescribers are receiving income from drug companies? Responsibility of individual prescribers to declare this.

b. If not, why not?

c. Does the trust inform service users when research they are being invited to take part in involves payment by a drug company to the Trust? **Yes as part of consent procedure.**

d. If not, why not?

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance