

FOI Request Response information

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Request Detail:

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.
- 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/NO
 - 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/NO
 - iii. Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff. YES/NO
 - iv. Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events. YES/NO
 - v. Drug company information/advice leaflets. YES/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/NO
 - vii. Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies. YES/NO

2. Monitoring

- a. How is the relationship between the Trust and the pharmaceutical industry **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,		Examples	

pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff			
Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher)		Number of staff Professions/roles?	
Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff.		Number of events?	
Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events		Number of events?	
Drug company information/advice leaflets		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).		Examples	
Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies.		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?

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

b. What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on generic medication? ____%

5. a. What proportion of the medicines budget was spent on atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? ____%

b. What percentage of patients are currently prescribed atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? _____%

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

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

8. a. Does the trust inform service users when prescribers are receiving income from drug companies?

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?

d. If not, why not?

Response Detail:

The Trust response can be found in the attached pdf documents.

Please click on the paperclip symbol, on the left hand toolbar, to see additional attachments.