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Sent via e-mail to:-

Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 047-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about Pharmaceutical Companies. Please find the Trust's response below.

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.

Business Conduct Gifts and Hospitality Policy -

<http://2gethernet.glos.nhs.uk/Interact/Pages/Content/Document.aspx?id=3567>

Education in 2gether NHSFT Relationship with Commercial Bodies

- b) Does the policy/policies cover the following issues?

1. Drug companies offering any gift, pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff. **Yes**
2. Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher). **Yes**
3. Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff. **No**
4. Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events. **Yes, but this is very rare**
5. Drug company information/advice leaflets. **No**
6. 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**
7. 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?

For medical staff through an annual declaration under the hospital policy.

- 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	Yes (since 1 st April 2016)	Examples	2 declarations of sponsored conference attendance 2 declarations of lunch
Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher)	No medical staff	Number of staff Professions/roles?	
Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff.	No data available	Number of events?	
Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events	Yes	Number of events?	1 in the last year
Drug company information/advice leaflets	Yes	All medicines are dispensed with PIL, this is a requirement. In some cases extra Drug company information is provided eg Epilim for women of child bearing age , NOACS for different indications as this supports the best practice.	
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 data available	Examples	
Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies.	Yes	Staff YES/NO Trust YES/NO	No Yes

The questions below relate to the last financial year:

- 3) What was the total annual spend by the Trust on psychiatric medications? **£872,117**
- 4) a) What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on brand name medication? **54.7%**
b) What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on generic medication? **45.3%**
- 5) a) What proportion of the medicines budget was spent on atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? **37.9%**
b) What percentage of patients are currently prescribed atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics? **112 patients.**

- 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. **Janessan, 31.9 %**
 - ii. **Novartis, 4.6 %**
- 7) What two companies provide the most hospitality/training/gifts/sponsorship?
Janessan and Shire for training and Lundbeck and Sunovian for hospitality.
- 8) a) Does the trust inform service users when prescribers are receiving income from drug companies? **Not applicable**
- 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? **Not applicable**
- d) If not, why not?

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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