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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding financial links between pharmaceutical / medical device companies and doctors / officials involved in providing advice/making decisions on which drugs CCGs should use/prescribe. This includes the practice of doctors/officials taking part in paid "advisory board" meetings for such firms within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

I am seeking details of financial links between pharmaceutical/medical device companies and doctors/officials involved in providing advice/making decisions on which drugs CCGs 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 CCGs 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 CCG'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

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Chief Officer: Fiona Clark

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.

NHS South Sefton CCG register of interests is published on our website. Please find the link below.

<http://www.southseftonccg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/SSCCG-Register-of-Interests-Updated-final-version-as-of-31-March-2015.pdf>

NHS South Sefton CCG hospitality register is published within our Governing Body papers. Please find the link below.

http://www.southseftonccg.org.uk/?page_id=212