

# Disclosure of payments to healthcare professionals

## Academy statement

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The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges recommends that all doctors voluntarily comply with the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry's 'Disclosure UK' which lists payments or benefits in kind made to them by drugs manufacturers. By participating in the publically searchable database, the Academy has long argued that transparency will be improved and conflicts of interest or apparent conflicts of interest will be reduced.

This organisation hopes that in future more doctors will allow their names to be identified when linked to any payments or benefits received as listed on the Disclosure UK database than was the case in 2016 when the scheme was introduced. Then just 55% allowed their names to be published.

The Academy also supports NHS England Guidelines which ask all healthcare professionals (HCPs) and organisations (HCOs) to report any conflicts of interest on their relevant organisational register of interests.

Professor Alan Boyd, President of The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, who leads on the work on disclosure and conflicts of interest for the AoMRC said,

'The ABPI's new data on Disclosure UK is due out at the end of June. We hope that more individuals and organisations do choose to be open about the payments and benefits they are receiving. Ultimately we would expect one hundred per cent take up because patients should know the basis on which their doctor is making a recommended treatment.'