

July 2011

*Please note that I am only interested in material which relates to the period 8 July 2010 to the present day.*

*The reference to employee should be taken to mean any member of staff (medical or otherwise) who is either directly employed by the Trust or who has a contract to work for the trust. These employees will include but will not be limited to GPs, surgeons, doctors, consultants, nurses, managers and admin staff.*

*1. Does the Trust maintain any register and or similar which details any gifts and or payments and or offers of hospitality made to staff from pharmaceutical companies and or drug manufacturers and or medical suppliers and or private companies of any kind. These gifts and offers of hospitality will include but will not be limited to overseas travel, attendance at UK and overseas conferences and invitations to dinners, parties and other social events.*

This Trust is in the process of changing its procedures regarding the recording of gifts and hospitality. Under the present regime, the Chief Executive has to agree the receipt of 'hospitality' except in the case of small stationery items. The record of these hospitality offers is simply keeping copies of letters and emails

*2. If the Trust does keep a register and or similar can it please provide a copy.*

As set out in answer 1 the Trust does not have a formal register at present so it is not possible to supply a copy.

*3. During the aforementioned period has any trust employee travelled overseas as a guest of a pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or other private company. If so, can you please identify the member of staff. In the case of each member of staff can you state the destination (s) visited and the dates and duration of the trip (s). In the case of each trip (s) can you please state the name of the organisation(s) who picked up the costs. In the case of each trip can you please provide details of the costs involved? Can you please identify the accommodation used and the cost of this accommodation. Can you please provide details of the class of flights used and the cost of any tickets.*

Since 8 July 2010 there have been two occasions when members of Trust staff travelled abroad for conferences.

The first involved the Trust's Director of Pharmacy being invited (in January 2011) to a 2 day conference in Vienna on the subject of '*Hospital Pharmacists in a changing world – opportunities and challenges*'. This conference was for the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) and is an annual event.

The conference was sponsored by Novartis, and the Chief Executive approved the attendance in accordance with the Trust's procedures.

The second involved a hospital consultant radiologist being approved to attend the European Congress of Radiology, again held in Vienna in March 2011. This event was a three day event which was sponsored by Bayer. The event is regarded as being educational only and the Chief Executive approved the attendance in accordance with the Trust's procedures. Details of the costs involved are not available because there was no cost to the Trust.

*4. During the aforementioned period has any trust employee attended an event in the UK as a guest of a pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or private company. If so can you please identify the member (s) of staff. In the case of each member of staff can you state the event attended and provide details of the date and duration. In the case of each trip can you please identify the organisation(s) who hosted the events and picked up the costs. In the case of each trip can you please provide details of the cost. Can you please identify the accommodation used and the cost of the accommodation?*

There have been no recorded attendances at UK events since 8 July 2010.

*5. .During the aforementioned period has any trust employee received a payment and or a gift from any pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or private company. If so can you please provide full details.*

No.

*6. During the aforementioned period has the Trust received complaints about any payments and or gifts and or offers of hospitality received by a member(s) of staff. If so can it please provide full details? Please do provide copies of any written complaints (including emails). But please do redact the name of any individual complainant. Please do not redact the name of any organisation who may have made a complaint. Can the Trust please state what action it took in relation to the complaint.*

No