



MSD Methodology Statement
Annual disclosure of transfers of value to
patient organisations and members of the public, including patients and journalists

Introduction

This Methodology Statement defines the relevant types of transfers to be disclosed, which transfers are excluded, and other relevant information to assist the reader to understand how MSD collected, organised and reported the disclosed data.

Definitions

Donations and grants – collectively mean providing funds, benefits in kind or services freely given for the purpose of supporting healthcare, scientific research or education, with no consequent obligation on the recipient organisation, institution and the like to provide goods or services to the benefit of the pharmaceutical company in return.

In general, donations are physical items, services or benefits in kind which may be offered or requested. Grants are the provision of funds.

Event – includes all professional, promotional, scientific and educational meetings, congresses, conferences, symposia, and other similar events organised or sponsored by or on behalf of MSD.

Patient Organisation - an organisation mainly comprising of patients and/or caregivers or any user organisation such as a disability organisation, carer or relative organisation and consumer organisation that represents and/or supports the needs of patients and/or caregivers. The term 'individual representing a patient organisation' means a person who is mandated to represent and express the views of a patient organisation. If a Patient Organisation is run by a healthcare professional MSD would classify this as a Healthcare organisation (HCO).

Healthcare Organisation - means either a healthcare, medical or scientific association or organisation such as a hospital, clinic, foundation, university or other teaching institution or learned society whose business address, place of incorporation or primary place of operation is in Europe or an organisation through which one or more health professionals or other relevant decision makers provide services.

Recipient – Any patient organisation or member of the public, including patients and journalists, whose main professional address, place of incorporation or for an individual resides in the United Kingdom who receives a transfer of value from MSD.

Members of the public including patients, patient advocate and carers - Someone who is speaking in a personal capacity, to educate and inform others about the experiences of patients, the impact of a health condition on patients, their needs and other insights based on personal and/or professional experience with patients.

Journalist - An individual who is not an HCP and who performs a role of writing, presenting or communicating via an informational or news website, print media (newspaper, magazine etc) or broadcast media (TV, radio etc), or who is engaged in the preparation of any of the foregoing. This role may be performed on an employed, self-employed or voluntary basis.

Transfers of Value (ToVs) – means a direct or indirect transfer of value, whether in cash, in kind or otherwise, made, whether for promotional purposes or otherwise, in connection with the development or sale of medicines.

A Direct ToV is one made directly by MSD for the benefit of a Recipient.

An Indirect ToV is one made on behalf of MSD for the benefit of a recipient or through an intermediate and where the company knows or can identify the recipient that will benefit from the transfer of value.



Disclosure's scope

Excluded ToVs. ToVs to HCOs and HCPs are covered by a separate disclosure methodology, as required by the Code. The value of meals and drinks are excluded from ToV disclosure.

ToV Recognition Date. Direct ToVs are disclosed based on the date the ToV was paid in our finance systems and when the resulting income or benefit was received by the recipient. Indirect ToVs concerning travel and accommodation are disclosed on the basis of the date that the event took place.

ToV Value. TOV disclosures reflect the actual value or cost provided by MSD and not the resulting income or benefit to the recipient.

Patient Organisation ToVs. The following types of ToVs to Patient Organisations are disclosed by MSD:

- i) Donations, grants and benefits in kind provided to patient organisations;
- ii) Fees for service (and related expenses) provided by one or more individuals representing the patient organisation (examples may include speaking at an external or internal MSD event, contribution to the development of educational or campaign material, participation in advisory boards or market research when the identity of the individual is known to MSD, and participation in disease awareness campaigns in the media or elsewhere in the public domain.)
- iii) Payment for contracted services as part of a collaborative project including a patient organisation
- iv) A benefit in kind provided as part of a collaborative project (e.g. agency support)
- v) Corporate sponsorship of an event or activity hosted by a patient organisation

Members of the Public, including patients and journalists: The following types of ToVs to individuals are disclosed by MSD:

- i) Fees for services and consultancy (examples include speaker fees, speaker training, development of educational or patient materials, general consulting and advising via advisory boards/expert input forums, fees for participating in market research where the identity of the participant is known to MSD; and
- ii) Travel and accommodation (such as costs of flights, trains, car hire, tolls, parking fees, taxis and hotel accommodation)

For members of the public, disclosures are aggregated into patients and journalists. Disclosure is not made against individuals.

Corporate Memberships: The following types of ToVs to corporate organisations are disclosed by MSD in a separate report which is available on the company website for MSD in the UK:

- i) Corporate memberships to academic/medical institution, professional body, think tank or charity

Contracting with patient organisations and members of the public. For each of the ToVs above, MSD has a standard contracting mechanism, including a clear agreement of the activity and any services being provided, due diligence checks, transparency and disclosure arrangements and provisions for protection of data privacy.

Quantification of non-monetary ToVs (benefit in kind): where possible, the estimated value of items or services is included in ToV disclosure, based on a reasonable estimation of item value or, in the case of services, the cost to MSD.



ToVs in case of partial attendances or cancellation. Since ToVs are reported on the basis of what MSD paid, and not what the Recipient received, the full amount paid by MSD shall be reported in case of a partial attendance. In case of an individual's cancellation, no ToV will be disclosed.

Cross-border activities. Regardless of which MSD entity contracts with or pays a Recipient, all patient organisations whose main address or place of incorporation is in the United Kingdom are reported by MSD.

Disclosing entities. This annual disclosure report covers all ToVs made to patient organisations and members of the public, including patients and journalists in the United Kingdom, whether by Merck Sharp & Dohme (UK) Limited, MSD R&D Innovation Centre Limited or by its affiliates based in other countries.

Time periods

Disclosure is made on the basis of the year the actual ToV was provided. In the case of multi-year agreements, the amount that will be disclosed will be the total amount paid by MSD in each year.

Collection of ToV data

MSD tracks both contracts and payment data to capture all forms of ToV (i.e. payment, donation or items and benefit in kind).

Legal Basis. Data privacy laws in the UK (the "UK GDPR") mean that to process personal information about an individual, MSD must identify an appropriate lawful basis before they do so. MSD processes the personal information based on its legitimate interests in the transparency of interactions between MSD, patient organisations, patients, members of the public and journalists. This will enable MSD to be as transparent as possible about the nature and scale of its interactions. MSD has made all recipients in the United Kingdom aware of this through the completion of a due diligence certification prior to the provision of any ToV.

Disclosure Form

Date of publication. MSD publishes the ToV for the preceding calendar year no later than 6 months after the end of the relevant reporting period (for example, ToVs for 2023 are reported no later than June 24, 2024). The information disclosed shall remain available for three (3) years thereafter.

Disclosure platform. MSD provides its annual disclosure for patient organisations and members of the public, including patients and journalists via the company website for MSD in the UK.

Disclosure financial data

Currency. Most disclosed ToVs are reported in GBP but, where MSD entities outside the UK have contracted the recipient, some payments may be reported in other currencies – typically USD and EUR.

VAT. VAT is included when relevant.

Working with other Pharmaceutical Companies

ToV are divided between each of the pharmaceutical companies participating in the project.

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DISCLOSURE FOR PATIENT ORGANISATIONS (POs) AND THE PUBLIC**

Methodologies used in preparing the disclosures attached

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Annual Disclosure of Support Provided to Patient Organisations and Contracted Services Provided by Individuals Representing Patients Organisations

Patient Organisation Name	Country	Types of the Support or Services Provided	Monetary Value of Financial Support and of Invoiced Costs	Description of Support	Non-monetary Benefit for PO	Optional Indication of Patient Organisation's Total Income and/or the Company's Support as a Percentage	Fees for Services/ Expenses
Action Kidney Cancer	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant		Ask the Expert video sponsorship	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship	£15,000			
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	GU Clinical Trials AdBoard GU Clinical Trials AdBoard	Not applicable	£200 £282
Africa Advocacy Foundation	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£40,000	Global Public Policy Mx Health Europe 2023	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,500
African Health Policy Network	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£6,670	Fleets Reach Project	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
Blood Cancer UK	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£7,500	Report "Blood Cancer Action Plan" (BCAP)	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
Blight Bladder Cancer	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant			Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	Participation in quality of care workshop Patient advisory board on clinical trials in semi-rural primary care Patient advisory board on clinical trials in genitourinary cancers	Not applicable	£250 £200 £113.53
Head and Neck Cancer Coalition	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant		Sponsorship of PAG Coalition	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£25,000.00			
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
HePC Trust	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£7,500	Effective engagement to deliver improvements across the cancer patient pathway	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
International Alliance of Patient Organisations	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£40,000	Personalized Cancer Care Alliance	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
JCI Cervical Cancer Trust	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant			Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	IN Productions film marking the 75th anniversary of the NHS and the potential elimination of HepC, new transmissions of HIV and cervical cancer Participation in MSD internal grants town hall	Not applicable	£475 £750
Nation AIDS Trust	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant			Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	Panel discussion on Integrated Care systems and HIV Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,200 £1,200
New Project London	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant			Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,500
Orchid Cancer Appeal	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£7,500	Testicular Cancer Awareness Film & Social Media Campaign	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation				
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable		Not applicable	
Positive East	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant	£750	World AIDS Day Red Run London	Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship				
			Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship				
		Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation	£1,172	Employee volunteering hours to prepare for the Red Run event		
		Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,500
Positively UK	UK	Financial Support	Grants add a line for each Grant			Not applicable	Not applicable
			Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£5,000	"Manifesto of people living with HIV" and it's launch within Parliament		

			revenue support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£11,000	Conference of people living with HIV 2024	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees		Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,200	
				Out of pocket/ expenses	Not applicable				
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Pulmonary Hypertension Association UK	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£7,200	Gold sponsorship of the national pulmonary hypertension research forum	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees		Ad Board	Not applicable	2,700	
				Fees	Not applicable	Diagnosis Meeting	Not applicable	2,250	
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Ray Castle Lung Cancer Foundation	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship			Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable	Speaker at Houses of Parliament event	Not applicable	£4,000	
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Shine Cancer Support	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£5,878.00	Support for adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s who have experienced a cancer diagnosis	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable		Not applicable		
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Sophia Forum	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£7,645	WISE UP, HIV & Bone Health Resource, and Dissemination	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,200	
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Tenacious Cancer Care	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£1,300.00	Roundtable and parliamentary event	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable		Not applicable		
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Terrance Higgins Trust	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£2,000	"Fighting HIV stigma and proud" march	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable	ITN Productions film marking the 75th anniversary of the NHS and the prevention/elimination of HepC, new transmissions of HIV and cervical cancer	Not applicable	£285	
				Fees	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,200	
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
Tetlock	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£7,000	Cancer support for people in their 20s or 30s	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable		Not applicable		
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
UK-CAB	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£18,725	UK Community Advisory Board	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable	Participation on whole person care programme	Not applicable	£1,200	
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
				Grants add a line for each Grant					
White Ribbon Alliance	UK		Financial Support	Sponsorship of Meetings add a line for each sponsorship	£40,000	Personalized Cancer Care Alliance	Not applicable	Not applicable	
				Other Sponsorships add a line for each sponsorship					
			Non-financial Support	Donations add a line for each donation					
			Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately)	Fees	Not applicable		Not applicable		
				Out of pocket/ expenses					
Annual Disclosure of Contracted Services Provide by The Public									
	Number of Members of the Public/Patients/Journa- lists Contracted	Country	Contracted Services Provided			Description of Support ¹		Fees for Services/ Expenses	
Members of the Public	3	UK	Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately) add a line for each different service provided	Fees	Not applicable	Consultancy	Not applicable	£12,103	
	13			Fees		Research & Development		£40,324	
	7			Out of pocket expenses		Travel, Accommodation		£713	
Patients	21	UK	Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately) add a line for each different service provided	Fees	Not applicable	Speaker fees and videos	Not applicable	£11,705	
	15			Out of pocket expenses		Travel		£1,945	
Journalists	1	UK	Contracted Services (Fees and expenses should be disclosed separately) add a line for each different service provided	Fees	Not applicable	Hosting a panel debate on the role of integrated care board in delivering services for older people living with HIV	Not applicable	£1,200	
	3			Out of pocket expenses		Accommodation and travel to attend a media event to inform on MSDF's manufacturing capabilities and approach to R&D. Bookings managed by MSD, no expenses or direct payment to journalists permitted.		£1,615	