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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 27th May 2015.

You Asked for:

I am seeking to establish what direct and indirect, financial and other interests in pharmaceutical companies or device/dressings etc supply companies members of the CCG and their advisors have.

While most CCGs have a public conflict of interest register, many of these do not extend to staff such as heads of medicines management, senior pharmacy advisors etc. Other public registers do not require board members to disclose training or lunches funded by pharma/device companies.

Please see the attached Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group declarations register.

Please use this as a template and fill in for ALL members of the CCG (or where multiple CCGs are covered, the relevant CCGs) including board and staff members, prescribing or medicines advisors and any members of prescribing committees and sub-committees for the last financial year (March 2014/15) to date where the interest relates to a pharmaceutical or device/dressings/medical equipment supply company.

Please name each pharmaceutical or device company with which an individual has engaged eg sat on an advisory board, received training. It is not sufficient to say that an individual has advised a number of companies.

Please note that the Information Commissioner has previously ruled that where individuals hold sufficiently senior roles within an organisation, there is a public interest in their interests being disclosed.

There is a strong public interest in knowing whether individuals with influence over or a role in prescribing policy within CCGs have connections to pharmaceutical companies.

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group has undertaken a data collection exercise for all members of staff and details of those staff who have declared interests as specified in your request are provided on the attached spreadsheet.

For all other staff employed by the CCG, no direct, indirect, financial or other interests in pharmaceutical companies or device/dressings or supply companies, have been declared.

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