

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE TO  
DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR  
PATIENT ORGANISATIONS AND  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CALENDAR YEAR 2021



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## INTRODUCTION

The following document outlines the processes and decisions taken in the preparation of the disclosure of certain transfers of value (ToV) from Servier to Patient Organisations and Members of the Public (including Patients and Journalists), in the United Kingdom.

Servier fully supports the objectives of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) Code of Practice. Servier believes the Code contributes to provide a better insight on the long-established relationship between POs and pharmaceutical companies for the improvement of patient advocacy, information, and care.

The present document is intended to provide all methodological information relevant for interpretation of the information disclosed on the Servier UK website, as required by Clauses 29 and 30 of the 2021 ABPI Code of Practice and applicable supplementary information.

### 1. DEFINITIONS

#### 1.1 *Patient Organisation (PO)*

'Patient organisation' means 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.

#### 1.2 *Individual representing a Patient Organisation*

'Individuals representing patient organisations' means a person who is mandated to represent and express the views of a patient organisation.

#### 1.3 *Donation*

Funding provided to an eligible non-profit organisation to support its general mission or on-going charitable efforts without any benefit for Servier in return.

#### 1.4 *Grant*

Financial contribution provided to an eligible organisation to support a specific, time-limited project or programme with identified objectives without a tangible benefit for Servier in return.

#### 1.5 *Sponsorship*

Support of congress or third-party event in exchange for a tangible benefit, such as a congress stand, promotional satellite speaker programmes, non-promotional symposia, educational meetings and other third-party meetings.

Financial support provided unconditionally to a HCP or ORDM by Servier to attend third-party meetings. In this context it could include registration fees, costs of accommodation and travel.

**Donations, grants and sponsorship can be provided to support HCPs and/or patients only with the aim of benefiting patients and the NHS by improving health outcomes.**

### 2. TYPES OF TOVS BEING DISCLOSED

#### 2.1 *ToVs to Patient Organisations*

Servier discloses the following ToVs when provided or paid to POs:

- Grants,
- Donations,
- Sponsorships of meetings,
- Other sponsorships,
- Contracted services.

## ***2.2 ToVs to the Public, including Patients and Journalists***

ToVs for contracted services to the Public, including Patients and Journalists, are disclosed on an aggregate basis.

## **3. ORIGIN OF TOVS**

### ***3.1 UK TOVs***

Servier has gone through an extensive process of identification and recording of all relevant ToVs to ensure compliance with the ABPI Code of Practice.

For UK direct ToVs, all POs are individually identified in our financial system, with the classification of each payment recorded at the time of entry. A local tracker is also available.

The information disclosed by Servier in the UK is provided on behalf of the Servier Group. Servier is a Group of companies including affiliates in many other countries that can initiate interactions with UK POs or Members of the Public.

### ***3.2 Cross Border Activities***

Local trackers are used for recording information on payments made to POs, including ToVs made by other affiliates. Additionally, a Servier Group reporting platform is implemented to ensure the local disclosure by any country affiliate can include all ToVs relevant to that country, irrespective of where in the Servier Group the payment originated.

All ToVs initiated by any country affiliate of the Group are thus captured for disclosure in the country where the physical address of the recipient is located.

## **4. DATES USED FOR DISCLOSURE OF TOV**

The publication relates to ToVs processed by Servier to POs and members of the public during the previous calendar year (from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021).

## **5. MANAGEMENT OF CURRENCIES AND EXCHANGE RATES**

The currency used for the current publication is GBP (Pound Sterling). For ToVs involving the use of foreign currencies, amounts are converted from the initial currency to the publication currency according to the Exchange Rate applicable at the date of the ToV.

## **6. MANAGEMENT OF VAT**

Financial amounts indicated in the publication are expressed inclusive of VAT.

## **7. CONTACT**

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