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Thank you for your request concerning pharmaceutical relations and medication spend.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. Policy:

- a. **Does your organisation have any policy/policies which regulate the relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and the Trust? If so, please provide copies of or links to the relevant policies.**

We have a generic trust policy on standards of business conduct which covers pharmaceutical companies. Please see attached our Standards of Business Conduct Policy.

- b. **Does the policy/policies cover the following issues?**

Please see our policy attached for the following.

- i. **Drug companies offering any gift, pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff.**
- ii. **Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher).**
- iii. **Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff.**
- iv. **Drug companies providing/sponsoring training events.**
- v. **Drug company information/advice leaflets.**
- vi. **Drug company advertising materials on premises (including pens, mugs, calendars, or other equipment with pharmaceutical company logo or information e.g. Blood pressure machines, tourniquet).**
- vii. **Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies.**

2. Monitoring

- a. **How is the relationship between the Trust and the pharmaceutical industry monitored?**

Through the annual review of APBI disclosure UK database.

- b. Please advise us how the organisation monitors the following and provide us with any data the organisation gathered for the calendar year 2016:

	Has this occurred? Yes/No		Information Not Collected
Drug companies offering any gift, pecuniary advantage or benefit in kind, to mental health staff	No	Examples	
Staff working for both the mental health provider and the pharmaceutical company (e.g. as an advisor/ providing training/working as a researcher)	No	Number of staff Professions/roles?	
Drug company reps verbally presenting drug company information to mental health staff.	Yes	Number of events?	No data
Drug companies providing / sponsoring training events	Yes	Number of events? 1	
Drug company information/advice leaflets		Examples	No data
Drug company advertising materials on premises (including pens, mugs, calendars, or other equipment with pharmaceutical company logo or information e.g. Blood pressure machines, tourniquet).		Examples	No data
Drug company payments to staff or Trust for recruiting patients into research studies.	No	Staff YES/NO Trust YES/NO	

The questions below relate to the last financial year:

3. What was the total annual spend by the Trust on psychiatric medications?

£2,279,171 (Chapter 4 only)

- 4.a. What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on brand name medication?

Unknown - we do not hold this information¹

- b. What proportion of the psychiatric medicines budget was spent on generic medication?

Please see the answer to question 4.a.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

5.a. What proportion of the medicines budget was spent on atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics?

51%

b. What percentage of patients are currently prescribed atypical long-acting injectable antipsychotics?

Unknown – we do not hold this information¹.

6. What two companies account for the largest proportion of overall medicines spend, and what percentage of the medicines budget does each of these constitute

Janssen Cilag 46 %

We are only able to provide the name of one company.

7. What two companies provide the most hospitality/training/gifts/sponsorship?

Unknown – we do not hold this information¹.

8.a. Does the trust inform service users when prescribers are receiving income from drug companies?

Unknown

b. If not, why not?

We do not hold this information¹.

c. Does the trust inform service users when research they are being invited to take part in involves payment by a drug company to the Trust?

Unknown

d. If not, why not?

We do not hold this information¹

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

