

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE TO  
DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR  
PATIENT ORGANISATIONS  
AND MEMBER OF THE UK  
PUBLIC (including Patients  
and Journalists)

CALENDAR YEAR 2023



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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 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 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 *Member of the Public (MOP) including Patients, Journalists and Other Members of the Public (Caregivers, Patient Advocates, etc.)*

Services completed by MoP to provide expert insights, perspectives into their lived experiences and participating in discussions, meetings, photo and audio/video recording. For Journalists, this includes collection, edition of preparation of news, stories, materials and information for a mass media service, whether as an employee of the service or as a freelancer.

#### 1.4 *Donation*

Physical items, services or benefits-in-kind which are freely given for the purpose of supporting healthcare, scientific research or education, with no consequent obligation on the recipient organisation to provide goods or services to the benefit of Servier in return.

#### 1.5 *Grant*

Financial contribution freely given for the purpose of supporting healthcare, scientific research or education, with no consequent obligation on the recipient organisation to provide goods or services to the benefit of Servier in return.

#### 1.6 *Sponsorship*

A contribution, financial or otherwise, in whole or in part towards an activity (including an event/meeting or material) performed, organized, created etc. by a patient organisation.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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 during the previous calendar year (from 1st January to 31st December 2023).

## **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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