

Methodological Note to 2022 Disclosure Report for Besins Healthcare (UK) Limited (in respect of contracted services provided by the Public)

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
BHUK	Besins Healthcare (UK) Limited
TOV	Transfer of Value
UK	United Kingdom

DEFINITIONS

Transfer of Value (TOV)

The term 'transfer of value' (TOV) 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 transfer of value is one made directly by a company for the benefit of a recipient. An indirect transfer of value is one made on behalf of a company 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.¹

Public

As defined by PMCPA updates.²

Patient

As defined by PMCPA updates.²

Journalists

As defined by PMCPA updates.²

INTRODUCTION

Besins Healthcare UK Limited (BHUK) is committed to transparent interactions with the public, including patents and journalists.

Members of the public including patients offer expert knowledge on the management of diseases, or other relevant input to pharmaceutical companies. This plays a valuable role in informing BHUK's efforts to improve patient care.

BHUK is committed to communicating TOV made to the public including patients and journalists in a transparent manner and in accordance with its commitment to the ABPI Code of Practice. In doing so, all reasonable efforts will go into making sure that the published data is accurate, valid and complete.

All required TOVs made in the UK from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 are disclosed on the BHUK website <https://www.besinshealthcare.co.uk/contact-us/>

This document summarises the approach taken by BHUK in calculating the figures provided and considers;

[1] ABPI Code of Practice for the Pharmaceutical Industry 2021. Available from: <https://www.abpi.org.uk/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-pharmaceutical-industry-2021/>

[2] PMCPA Disclosure-Methodological Note for Annual Disclosure of Transfers of Value to Patient Organisations, and the Public, Including Patients and Journalists. Available from: <https://www.pmcpa.org.uk/guidance-and-qas/guidance/disclosure-methodological-note-for-annual-disclosure-of-transfers-of-value-to-patient-organisations-and-the-public-including-patients-and-journalists/>

HOW WAS THE DISCLOSURE DATA COLLECTED, ORGANISED AND PUBLISHED?

TOV data is collected from the contract templates received by the business and populated into a spreadsheet tracker. This tracker is used by BHUK to track payments to UK members of the public. All financial TOVs are reconciled against the contractual agreements, the tracker recordings and the actual payments made. The TOV data is categorised for payments to members of the public as members of the public, patients or journalists and for each of these categories, the fees and out of pocket expenses are distinguished.

The accuracy of the data is checked and once finalised transferred onto a template available on the PMCPA website <https://www.pmcpa.org.uk/>. The use of this template is optional for publishing patient organisation and/or members of public data. The populated template is published on the BHUK website <https://www.besinshealthcare.co.uk/contact-us/> in accordance with the ABPI Code requirements. A link with respect to member of public disclosures is sent to ABPI Disclosure UK. Disclosure UK is the public searchable database which publishes transfers of value from pharmaceutical companies to UK healthcare professionals, other relevant decision makers, healthcare organisations, patient organisations and members of the public.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

BHUK will make publicly available annual details of the fees for certain contracted services (if applicable in the relevant year) paid to members of the UK public, including patients and journalists. These services include speaking at meetings, assistance with training, writing articles and/or publications, participating in advisory boards, advising on the design etc of clinical trials and participating in market research where such participation involves remuneration and/or travel.

Patient organisations

There are no disclosures in scope of this category in 2022.

Patients

There are no disclosures in scope of this category in 2022.

Journalists

There are no disclosures in scope of this category in 2022.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Cross border payments

All disclosures are made in the country in which the member of the public is located. Payments made to UK members of the public including patients and journalists by Besins entities located in other countries are disclosed within the UK, regardless of the source of funding.

Multi-year contracts

If BHUK has contracted with a member of the public for a period that spans more than 1 calendar year, only transfers of value executed during the calendar year will be included in the disclosure. The remainder of the contract values will be disclosed in future relevant disclosure periods.

Over the counter medicines and medical devices

There are no disclosures in scope of this category for 2022.

VAT

Where payments were made and VAT was applicable, the VAT has been excluded for the purposes of disclosure. Therefore, all values provided are exclusive of VAT. There are no other tax considerations.

Exchange rate and currencies

The amounts disclosed are those actually paid by BHUK. They may differ slightly from the amounts received by the member of the public as they do not take into consideration any exchange fees or other fees applied by the recipient's bank.

On occasions payments are made in a currency other than UK sterling. In these situations, the exchange rate will mean the exact equivalent in sterling according to the date on which the conversion calculation are made. All disclosures will be displayed in UK sterling. The UK sterling totals will be calculated using the exchange rate on the day of payment using Currency Exchange Rates-International at xe.com. Readers should understand that the total amounts disclosed in sterling could therefore vary slightly from the exact amount paid in the local currency; variations will be greater if there have been significant movements in exchange rate during the reporting period.

Time of payment

The date recorded for the TOV is the date the payment was processed by BHUK.

Confidential information

The disclosure of contracted services includes the total number of members of the public, including patients and journalists contracted to perform services and the total amount paid per calendar year, and a description of the types of services provided that is sufficiently complete to enable the reader to understand the nature of the services provided without the necessity to divulge confidential information.

CONTACTS

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