

Disclosure UK: Factsheet for healthcare professionals and healthcare organisations

What is Disclosure UK? Disclosure UK is the searchable, **online database** showing payments and benefits in kind – known as ‘transfers of value’ – made to UK healthcare professionals (HCPs) and healthcare organisations (HCOs) for working in partnership with the pharmaceutical industry. As part of wider commitments to transparency, pharmaceutical companies are required by the ABPI Code of Practice for the pharmaceutical industry to publicly disclose this data annually, via Disclosure UK.

Disclosure UK is updated at the end of June every year and can be found at www.disclosureuk.org.uk. It is managed by The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), on behalf of the companies disclosing data.

Why is disclosure important? Relationships between pharmaceutical companies and HCPs/HCOs is vital in developing life-saving medicines and improving patient outcomes. Disclosure ensures this vital collaboration remains ethical and transparent.

What is disclosed? The database shows two types of values; **direct fees or payments** for services, and **benefits in kind** whereby a direct payment is not received but the monetary value is received instead, such as travel, accommodation, or registration fees.

Data shown on Disclosure UK covers the **key areas of partnership** between industry and HCPs/HCOs, including:

- Participation in advisory boards
- Speaking at or chairing meetings
- Working with and advising doctors and scientists in pharmaceutical companies
- Speaking at conferences and symposia
- Attending and contributing to national and international conferences
- Provision of grants and donations (HCOs only)
- Sponsorship of events for the provision of medical education to HCPs (HCOs only)

What is the Disclosure Portal? HCPs and HCOs can check the data provided by pharmaceutical companies before it is published, via a private disclosure portal. This portal requires unique log-in details and will only show data relating to that HCP or HCO. Consider the private portal as ‘behind the scenes’ access to the Disclosure UK database, and that **logging in provides an opportunity to review and raise queries** about data shown against your name or your organisation’s name.

How do I query my data? Once logged into the disclosure portal you can detail and submit queries about your data. Choose one of the following:

1. **Raise a general query** - for example, please update my/our principal practice address;

2. **Raise a query on selected rows** – for specific queries about a single value, for example, please could I have more information about the work this value relates to?

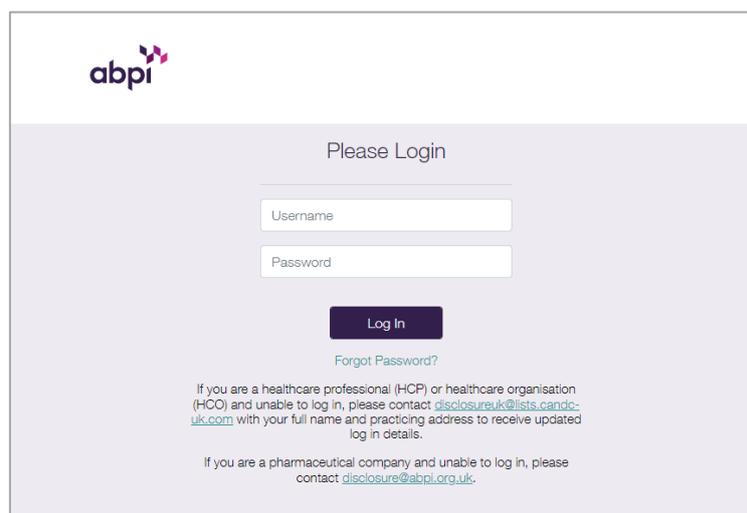
Queries are passed to the relevant pharmaceutical company(ies) who will respond. For detailed instructions, please download the step-by-step **‘Guide to raising queries for HCPs and HCOs’** from the Disclosure UK resources library – www.disclosureuk.org.uk.

What about data protection? (HCPs only) Pharmaceutical companies use either Consent or Legitimate Interests to disclose details about their HCP partnerships in-line with data protection law. For information about what this means, please download the **‘What is Legitimate Interests?’** guide from the Disclosure UK resources library – www.disclosureuk.org.uk.

Received multiple portal login details for the same organisation? These can be merged. Log into the portal using your login details linked to the most accurate address (check the address on your letter or email). Raise a ‘General Query’ from the top of the page in the portal. Use the query form to detail the multiple accounts and confirm which should be the master. Once actioned, all information will be viewable in the portal under a single log-in and published on Disclosure UK under one address.

Forgotten/problems with username or password? If you encounter issues with your provided username or password, please email disclosureuk@lists.candc-uk.com.

Firewalls: Some computer or company firewalls may flag the disclosure portal as an unsafe website. If this is the case, please contact your IT team to override.



The screenshot shows the abpi login page. At the top left is the abpi logo. The main heading is "Please Login". Below this are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A dark blue "Log In" button is positioned below the password field. Underneath the button is a link for "Forgot Password?". At the bottom of the page, there is a block of text providing contact information for healthcare professionals (HCP) and pharmaceutical companies who are unable to log in.

USEFUL LINKS:

- ◆ Private disclosure portal: <https://portal.disclosureuk.org.uk>
- ◆ Disclosure UK database & resources: www.disclosureuk.org.uk
- ◆ ABPI Code of Practice: www.pmcpcpa.org.uk
- ◆ ABPI website: www.abpi.org.uk