

Disclosure UK: Factsheet for healthcare professionals and healthcare organisations

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1. 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 organisations (HCOs) and healthcare professionals (HCPs), including other relevant decision makers (ORDMs), 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 with data from the previous 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 pharmaceutical companies disclosing data.

2. Why is disclosure important?

Relationships between pharmaceutical companies and HCPs/HCOs are vital in developing life-saving medicines and improving patient outcomes. Disclosure ensures this vital collaboration **remains ethical and transparent.**



3. What is disclosed?

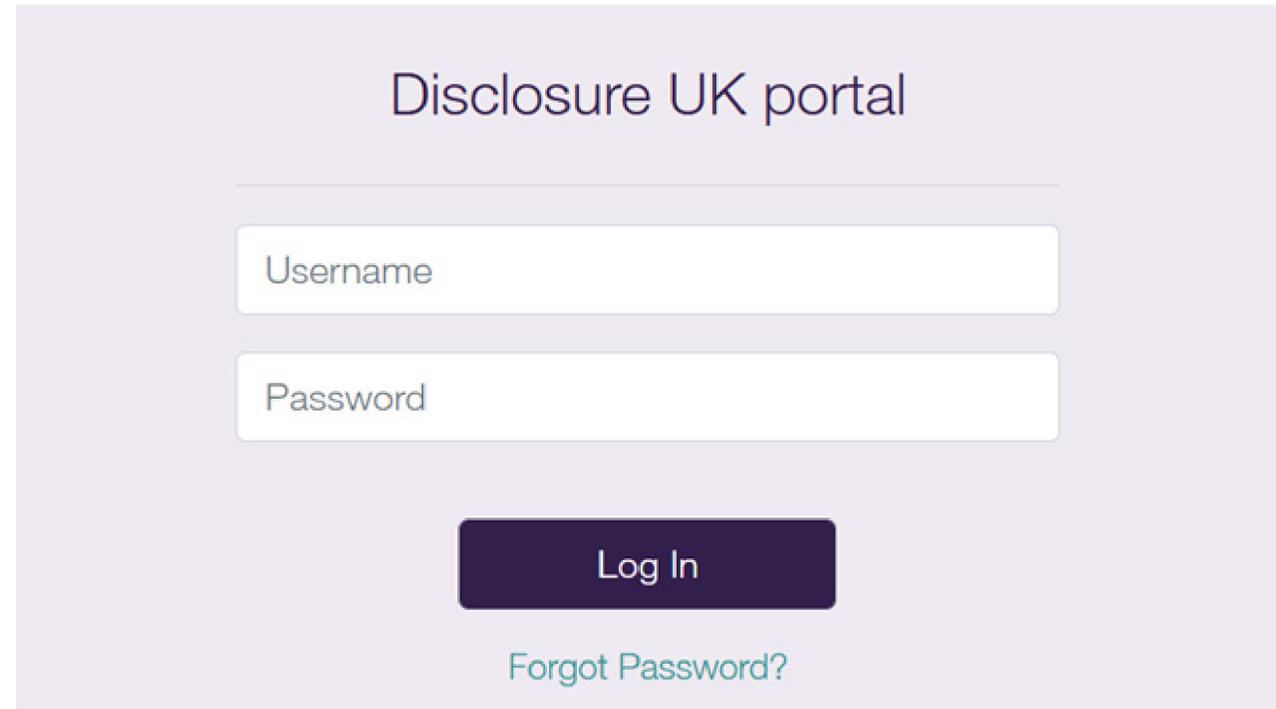
The database shows two types of values; direct fees or payments for services, and benefits in kind whereby a direct payment is not received but the monetary value is received instead, such as travel, accommodation, or registration fees.

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)

4. What is the private disclosure portal?

HCPs and HCOs can check the data provided by pharmaceutical companies before it is published, via a private disclosure portal. The 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 public 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.



The image shows a screenshot of the Disclosure UK portal login interface. At the top, the text "Disclosure UK portal" is displayed in a purple font. Below this, there are two white input fields: the first is labeled "Username" and the second is labeled "Password". Below the input fields is a dark purple button with the text "Log In" in white. Underneath the button, there is a link in blue text that says "Forgot Password?".

5. 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 review the step-by-step **'Guide to raising queries for HCPs and HCOs'** from the Disclosure UK resources library – www.disclosureuk.org.uk.

6. 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 review the **'What is Legitimate Interests?'** guide from the Disclosure UK resources library – www.disclosureuk.org.uk.

7. Received multiple portal login details for the same organisation?

These can be merged. Access the portal using the 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. 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. Alternatively, please email disclosureuk@lists.candc-uk.com for support.

8. Providing an email address for portal notifications.

After logging in, you will be prompted to provide an email address:

- **If you are a healthcare organisation** – If you are logging in on behalf of your healthcare organisation, you are encouraged to input a central email address. If a central email address is not available, an individual's email address can be provided. Organisations are encouraged to ensure the account can still be accessed following any internal staff changes.
- **If you are a healthcare professional** – Please provide a reliable email address to ensure consistent communication.

9. Forgotten/problems with username or password?

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

10. 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.

11. Useful links:

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

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