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our say?

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The Ethical Standards in Health and Life Sciences Group (ESHLSG), a group of twenty organisations working together to improve how healthcare professionals and the pharmaceutical and life sciences industries work together, is currently consulting on approaches to **disclosure of payments to healthcare professionals at an individual level**. The consultation can be accessed at www.eshlsg.org and welcomes all views from the healthcare community.

The consultation period runs from 28 January 2013 to 28 April 2013 and the ESHLSG will publish a report summarising the consultation findings during 2013.

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Public declaration of payments to **healthcare professionals**

As part of a move towards greater transparency and building greater trust between the medical community, industry and patients across the UK, pharmaceutical companies will publish the annual aggregate of payments made to healthcare professionals for payments made in 2012.

This development represents a significant step towards fostering greater transparency and building greater trust between the medical community, industry and patients across the UK.

Therefore, we wanted to tell you a bit more about the changes taking place...



Why the *change?*

The pharmaceutical industry is committed to **ensuring the transparency of relationships with healthcare professionals**. Across Europe, through the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), the industry has announced its intention to introduce the disclosure of financial relationships beginning in 2016 for payments made to individual healthcare professionals in 2015.

As part of the journey towards greater transparency, companies are taking the early step of disclosing the aggregate payments paid to healthcare professionals during 2012, plus the number of healthcare professionals who received payments.¹

The decision to publish aggregate payments, voted for by ABPI member companies in 2010, was made in recognition of the **increasing need for greater transparency throughout a range of industry sectors**, including the pharmaceutical industry.

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What information will be *released?*

From early 2013, pharmaceutical companies in the UK will be required to publish the total amount paid to healthcare professionals and the number of recipients in two broad categories:

- 1. Fees for consultancy services –**
Fees paid to consultants in the UK, or to their employers on their behalf, for certain services rendered by them such as chairing and speaking at meetings, assistance with training and participation in advisory boards etc.
- 2. Sponsorship to attend 3rd party organised meetings –**
including registration fees, costs of accommodation (both inside and outside the UK) and travel outside the UK.



When and where will this information be *made available?*

Companies will publish the annual aggregate of payments made to healthcare professionals from early 2013 for payments made in 2012. The information can be published in variety of ways such as on company websites or in annual reports.