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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/010917

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 08/07/2011 in connection with 'gifts and payments'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed

If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number '**FOI/010917**' in any future communications related to this FOI request.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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Please find a response below to your request:

1. Does the Trust maintain any register and or similar which details any gifts and or payments and or offers of hospitality made to staff from pharmaceutical companies and or drug manufacturers and or medical suppliers and or private companies of any kind. These gifts and offers of hospitality will include but will not be limited to overseas travel, attendance at UK and overseas conferences and invitations to dinners, parties and other social events. The Trust maintains a Register of Hospitality and reports results annually. For period 1 July 2010 to date there are four entries recorded (see 2).

2. If the Trust does keep a register and or similar can it please provide a copy.

The Register for the period outlined is as follows:

3. During the aforementioned period has any trust employee travelled overseas as a guest of a pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or other private company. If so can you please identify the member of staff. In the case of each member of staff can you state the destination (s) visited and the dates and duration of the trip (s). In the case of each trip (s) can you please state the name of the organisation (s) who picked up the costs. In the case of each trip can you please provide details of the costs involved? Can you please identify the accommodation used and the cost of this accommodation. Can you please provide details of the class of flights used and the cost of any tickets.

- 30th November 2010 Paula Clark, Chief Executive / Paul Assinder, Director of Finance

Attended a business lunch meeting (1 course + coffee, no alcohol, value less than £30/head) with the Trust's Auditors, Price waterhouse Cooper, at the Copthorne Hotel, Dudley.

- 17th January 2011 Paula Clark, Chief Executive

Attended a meal at Lyttleton Arms, Hagley, arranged by Reza Khalesi, Associate Partner, Atos Consulting. Cost of meal, £35.

- 5-6th May 2011 A party of 8 Trust staff, mainly clinical.

Visited Universitäts Klinikum Hamburg site to view the operation of a Siemens clinical information system. The visit was a scheduled part of the roll out of computerised clinical information systems at Dudley Hospital (there is no UK demonstration site). The visit included standard BMI Baby return flights from Birmingham Airport to Hamburg and overnight accommodation in a budget airport hotel. The visit was arranged and funded by Siemens but is a scheduled part of a 15 year contract between the Trust and Siemens for fully outsourced IT. The Trust pay an annual fee under a PFI agreement signed in 2005 for all IT developments in Dudley.

- o 9-12th June 2011 Dr Paul Harrison, Medical Director & Consultant Haematologist

Attended the European Haematology Association Conference in London as a guest of Boeringer-Ingelheim, who met conference costs, accommodation and evening meals.

4. During the aforementioned period has any trust employee attended an event in the UK as a guest of a pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or private company. If so can you please identify the member (s) of staff. In the case of each member of staff can you state the event attended and provide details of the date and duration. In the case of each trip can you please identify the organisation (s) who hosted the events and picked up the costs. In the case of each trip can you please provide details of the cost. Can you please identify the accommodation used and the cost of the accommodation?

The Trust and its medical staff adhere strictly to the APBI Code of Conduct. In accordance with this Code, Trust policies do not require the registration of occasional support for medical education or related events by pharmaceutical companies in the Trust's Hospitality Register. However the Register does contain the above entry in respect of the Trust's Medical Director. See above.

5. During the aforementioned period has any trust employee received a payment and or a gift from any pharmaceutical company and or drug manufacturer and or medical supplier and or private company. If so can you please provide full details.

There is no record of any such gifts or payment.

6...During the aforementioned period has the Trust received complaints about any payments and or gifts and or offers of hospitality received by a member (s) of staff. If so can it please provide full details? Please do provide copies of any written complaints (including emails). But please do redact the name of any individual complainant. Please do not redact the name of any organisation who may have made a complaint. Can the Trust please state what action it took in relation to the complaint.

The Trust has received no such complaints.