Reporting of Transfers of Value for Ireland - Methodological Note

Dr Falk Pharma UK is committed to the promotion of research, scientific exchange and the development of medicines. We promote shared learning between communities of patients, clinicians and researchers. The shared knowledge helps Dr Falk to develop treatment options that work for our patients and lead to successful disease treatment.

In the pursuit of shared learning, we organise and sponsor continuing medical events across the UK and Ireland as well as supporting the work of patient organisations.

The relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and healthcare professionals (HCPs) and healthcare organisations (HCOs) is vital for the development and delivery of life-enhancing and life-saving medicines. All collaborators want to ensure that patients and others have confidence that the relationship between pharmaceutical companies and the doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals and organisations is open and transparent. Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd discloses details of payments and other benefits in kind made to HCPs and HCOs. Since Dr Falk operate in the UK, we abide by the ABPI code and the UK information is published on a database called Disclosure UK. Since we have no affiliate or website in Ireland, we publish that data on our website www.DrFalk.co.uk.
The methodological notes below explain the data Dr Falk Pharma UK Limited disclose and how the data is prepared.

Transfer of Value Data included:
The data disclosed by Dr Falk Pharma UK Limited is consistent with the requirements of the current Code of Practice.

Support of health professionals to attend educational events
The data includes all travel costs and accommodation costs but does not include food and drink costs. The data also includes the registration fee, where applicable, for the health professional to be registered to attend the educational event.

Payment of consultants who provide services to Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd
The data includes payments to health professionals who provide services to Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd. Where applicable, the data also includes payment of expenses to consultants in the delivery of their services, such as travel expenses or accommodation expenses, in line with the current Code of Practice.

Payments to charity and HCO as fees
On occasion, a HCP who has provided a service to Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd may ask for their fee to be paid to charity or to the HCO where they are employed. On these occasions, or similar, the fee received by the HCP will be disclosed under that HCP's entry.

Payments to non-UK/IE HCPs or HCOs
Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd operates in both the UK and Ireland. All payments made by Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd in the UK or Ireland are declared.
Where non UK / Ireland HCPs and members of the public have been paid for a service, where appropriate, their details have been passed to our Dr Falk colleagues worldwide for disclosure in the relevant territory.

Donations, grants and benefits to health care organisations & patient groups
The data includes transfers of value to health care organisations. The provision of equipment or materials by Dr Falk Pharma UK Limited for specific projects and / or any time spent in lieu of funding is calculated and the value assigned as a donation.
Funding towards a purpose of which Falk have no input or influence, and receive no benefit is a grant. Support is declared where appropriate.

Sponsorship
The data includes transfers of value to health care organisations such as the provision of meeting organisation services by Dr Falk Pharma UK Limited or payment to support educational meetings or projects that enhance patient care or benefit patient care. Support is declared on materials relating to the specific event or programme.

Patient Organisations and Charities
Patient organisations are providers of essential support and information to those living with medical conditions, as well as their families and carers. Working with these valued organisations allows Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd to support their efforts with vital resources. Transfers of value to support non HCO's, such as patient organisations and charities are subject to separate disclosure and are therefore excluded.

Notable exclusions
Consultants that do not work in healthcare e.g. soft skills trainers, are considered to fall outwith the scope of the code, and their transfer of value, either as consultant fees or as a donation to a HCO are not included.

Reporting Date
There is an inevitable delay between the date of agreement and the date on which the payment is made. Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd. will disclose the date the payment was made and not the date the activity was conducted.

VAT
The value reported is the total amount paid by Dr Falk, including VAT where applicable.

Currency
Disclosures are made in pounds sterling (£). Where the original payment was made in another currency, the value was converted to pounds at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of the payment.

Privacy/GDPR and Lawful Basis for processing.
Effective from September 2022, and as described in the Privacy Notice, for the purposes of Disclosure UK, Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd use Legitimate Interest as our legal basis for processing. For Ireland, separate disclosure on the website was new for 2023 data and will therefore be disclosed as aggregate only until the disclosure of 2025 data.

Retention of data
Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd retains records of accounts according to UK law.