

PCDS Statement on pharmaceutical industry funding

PCDS seeks to work in collaboration with any organisation, who shares its aims of improving diabetes care. This includes commercial companies, other professional societies/charities and government. The primary consideration of PCDS in any collaboration is ensuring that its independence is not in any way compromised and it is free to act in the best interests of its members and in the best interests of people living with all types of diabetes.

PCDS recognises the significant influence that the pharmaceutical industry has on the delivery of healthcare, through innovation in technology and investment in marketing and education. Through collaboration with pharmaceutical companies, PCDS is able to gain access to expertise and resources to promote the Society and support its priorities that it would otherwise not have access to.

The financial support provided by Corporate Supporters for the core activities of the Society allows the PCDS to make its services freely available to its members. From time-to-time PCDS may work in partnership with companies to support the development of education programmes / educational modules, which support its overall business priorities. By doing this, PCDS is able to influence the content of such programmes by providing clinical and primary care input, and independent review/scrutiny. PCDS will only endorse / put its name to programmes where it has driven and/or approved the content.

Funding is secured from each of the major companies in the diabetes market. Our aim is to ensure there is no bias to any particular company. Written agreements are in place for all funding received from the pharmaceutical industry. The sources of funding are declared and made transparent on the PCDS website and/or on all relevant materials.

PCDS recognises its credibility and independence as its greatest assets both in terms of its ability to influence and to secure support. It also recognises the potential conflicts that its reliance upon pharmaceutical industry brings. PCDS has governance processes in place to ensure it operates independently and is not unduly influenced by any third-party body. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the activities of the Society, ensuring proper procedures and policies are in place to manage resources effectively to deliver charitable outcomes and to protect the independence and reputation of the Society.

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