

Sobi Methodological Note: Disclosure of Transfers of Value to Patient Organisations and the General Public, including Patients and Journalists

Introduction

This document summarizes the methodology used in preparing Sobi disclosure report on Transfers of Value to Patient Organisations, the General Public, including Patients and Journalists, in accordance with the ABPI and EFPIA Codes of Practice.

Definitions

Europe: Includes those countries in which the EFPIA Member Associations' National Codes apply.

General Public: Non healthcare professionals including patients, journalists, social workers, dieticians.

Patient Organisation (PO): non-for-profit legal person/entity (including the umbrella organisation to which it belongs), mainly composed of patients and/or caregivers, that represents and/or supports the needs of patients and/or caregivers and which business address, place of incorporation or primary place of operation is in Europe.

Reporting Period: covers a full calendar year

Time of Disclosure: Disclosures are made within 6 months (i.e. no later than 30 June) after the end of the relevant Reporting Period and the information disclosed remains in the public domain for a minimum of 3 years from the time such information is first disclosed.

ToVs are handled according to the cash basis principle, hence a specific ToV is as a general rule registered when the payment is made.

Transfer of Value (ToV): Financial support and/or significant indirect/non-financial support provided by Sobi to a Patient Organisation:

For *support*:

- the monetary value of financial support and of invoiced costs.
- the non-monetary benefit that the PO receives when the non-financial support cannot be assigned to a meaningful monetary value

For *contracted services* the total amount paid per PO over the Reporting Period.

A description of the nature of the support or services provided that is sufficiently complete to enable the average reader to form an understanding of the nature of the support or the arrangement without the necessity to divulge confidential information.

Transfer of Value: Contracted services provided by the General Public which are paid per PO over the Reporting Period.

Disclosure/Publication

All interactions with patient organisations are made public, either on the global Sobi website or on other Sobi affiliate sites. In some countries, a central platform combining data from different companies is used. [Commitment to patients | Sobi](#)