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### BSPGHAN Code of Conduct

1. "Trustees adopt and follow a suitable code of conduct that reflects the charity's values and sets out expected standards of ethics, probity and behaviour"
2. "The board considers how the charity is seen by the people and organisations who are involved in its work and by the wider public".
3. "The board has policies and procedures to make sure that the charity works responsibly and ethically, has regard to the proper use of power and acts in line with its own aims and values"

Our Guidelines concerning grants to BSPGHAN from industry have been updated below. Individual members of BSPGHAN may continue to make personal decisions around whether they accept funding from nutritional companies including divisions that promote Breast Milk substitute (BMS) products.

### Conflict of Interest statement for persons presenting at BSPGHAN scientific meetings

1. As a part of good practice Health professionals should declare any conflicts of interest arising when publishing or presenting scientific data
2. These guidelines are in line with the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice<sup>1</sup>, The Nursing and Midwifery Council Code of professional conduct<sup>2</sup> and Health Professions Council Standards of conduct performance and ethics.<sup>3</sup>
3. BSPGHAN council invites those presenting at BSPGHAN meetings to include a slide summarising any potential conflict of interest.
4. A conflict of interest is deemed as any inducement, gift or hospitality that may affect, or be seen to affect the judgement of the person in question.
5. Any conflict of interest that may exist should be openly acknowledged.
6. In practice this would mean declaration of any significant funding received to support research activities from the pharmaceutical industry or other funding body. This would be especially important if any of the sponsoring bodies' products were to be discussed during the course of the presentation.
7. Members would not be expected to declare the amount of sponsorship given or the nature of the sponsorship.
8. If no conflict of interest exists, then a slide declaring that should be included in the presentation.
9. Nutritional companies including BMS product divisions, and their representatives may be invited to speak at BSPGHAN events if the organising committee feel they require an update. Any such presentations must focus on scientific updates only, and they would only be invited in order to present and take questions. Similarly, BMS product divisions of companies may be invited to provide information which the organising committee feel supports the delivery of the event learning objectives.

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### Guidelines concerning grants to BSPGHAN from industry

1. BSPGHAN accepts support from outside sources including industry for educational, scientific and professional activities. Such support is subject to the principles outlined in this document.
2. BSPGHAN is responsible for deciding on its own educational, scientific and professional objectives and priorities.
3. BSPGHAN aligns with the UNICEF definition of Breast Milk substitute (BMS) which is any product which replaces breast milk for children up to the age of 6 months, excluding Foods for Special Medicinal Purposes (FSMPs) which are specially formulated foods for patients who have complex nutritional needs (such as specialist formulas and feeds).
4. BSPGHAN accepts event sponsorship from industry such as pharmaceuticals, healthcare equipment, biotechnology, divisions of nutritional companies that promote FSMPs / specialist formulas to deal with the nutritional needs of children and young people with complex medical needs, and other relevant industry for BSPGHAN-led conferences, seminars, study days and training courses, including working groups and regional events endorsed by BSPGHAN.
5. Any activity receiving commercial support must have a clear and explicitly stated purpose in keeping with the objectives of the Society as stated in Rule 2 of the BSPGHAN constitution. \*
6. BSPGHAN is responsible for choosing any persons or organisations that may control, influence or evaluate its activities.
7. BSPGHAN will not explicitly endorse any product or company.
8. The BSPGHAN logo may not be used in a way that indicates or suggests BSPGHAN endorsement of a particular product, brand or company or of a company's policies unless explicit consent is given by BSPGHAN.
9. Acceptance by BSPGHAN of a grant from industry does not imply that BSPGHAN will use its influence to support the company's interests beyond the specific arrangement itself.
10. The principal parties must sign an agreement defining the relationship, its duration and the responsibilities of the respective parties.
11. BSPGHAN prefers to obtain support for its activities from a variety of sources, and exclusive arrangements require mutual consent.
12. BSPGHAN will engage in dialogue with BMS product divisions of companies in order to influence and advocate, but these relationships will be outside of a sponsorship context.
13. Individual BSPGHAN members and local/regional education committees may continue to make personal decisions and follow the code of ethics of their professional body/group around whether they accept funding from industry including from BMS product divisions of companies.

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\*The objectives of the Society shall be the advancement of research, clinical excellence and training in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition

**References:**

1. **General Medical Council. Good Medical Practice 3rd Edition May 2001 p17-18 sections 53-55.**
2. **The Nursing and Midwifery Council. The NMC Code of professional conduct: standards for conduct, performance and ethics. 2004 p10 section 7.**
3. **Health professions council. Standards of Conduct performance**

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