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NHS Dumfries and Galloway Email of 19 December 2013

Dear Andrew

From an NHS Dumfries & Galloway perspective, the proposal to create a searchable record of all payments to NHS healthcare workers from industry and commerce is a logical extension of our existing policy on disclosure of gifts and hospitality. We would therefore support this development.

We would, however highlight that the introduction of such a framework will widen the gap between disclosure arrangements of NHS staff and those of independent practitioners such as GPs. This petition originated from concerns over prescribing practice and it should be noted that, locally, GPs prescribe drugs that are three times the financial value of those prescribed within the hospital sector that will be affected by the proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely

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