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Dr Margaret McCartney Email of 17 March 2015

I am writing to add my support to the need for a Sunshine act regarding public declarations of conflicts of interests in the NHS.

At present, I can find out what interests my MP has via a publically available register.

However, I cannot find out what interests my doctor has. I am a GP and would like to fulfill the GMC guidelines on being honest about conflicts of interests, and indeed, our GP surgeries and hospitals are meant to have similar hospitality registers.

These are badly kept and the website which I helped create whopaysthisdoctor.org is not mandatory.

All decision makers within the NHS should have to make a statutory declaration of interests. This is because conflicts can affect the decisions that doctors take, and if patients are not privy to these, they do not know that they have the ability and right to seek advice elsewhere.

Many thanks

Dr Margaret McCartney