



Donations from the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Industry

BBS relies on funding from individuals and organisations to support its charitable activities. These donations must not affect the independence of BBS [and our goal is to ensure that we are not dependant on any one type of funding]. Donations received from the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry (including manufacturers of medical devices, such as wheelchairs) must be reviewed with care to ensure that these donations are not tied to BBS supporting any treatment or research conclusion associated with or supported by the donor.

BBS has established the following procedures that must be followed before a donation from a pharmaceutical or healthcare donor is accepted:

- All donations must be unrestricted so that BBS is free to use the donation for any of its charitable objects.
- All donations must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

The donor must provide an assurance in writing that the donation is compliant with the any code of conduct to which the donor is subject (for example, the ABPI Code of Conduct and the ABHI Code of Conduct). The donor must disclose whether the donor has any association other than a purely social association with any BBS trustee or employee.

Donations from pharmaceutical and healthcare donors are subject to 8% overall income – a figure which is reviewed annually by the Trustee Board and approved with the Charity Treasurer. This is to ensure the financial independence of BBS.

Donations from the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry must be separately disclosed in the BBS accounts. BBS will not endorse or promote the products or services received from the donor in return for the donation.