



## **Pfizer Healthcare Ireland**

### **Patient Association Funding Disclosure 2013**

**Pfizer has implemented a new standard approach for full transparency of grants to patient organisations. With this new commitment, we are among the leading biopharmaceutical companies to embrace a policy of full transparency for grants to patient organisations across all countries in Europe. We are committed to operating with the highest standards of ethical, transparent and responsible conduct in all aspects of our business, including our relationships with patient advocacy groups. We will continue our efforts to lead industry standards and practices in ways that meet society's expectations of us.**

#### ***Age Action Ireland***

Age Action Ireland (AAI) is a charity which promotes positive ageing and better policies and services for older people. The chief aim of AAI is to achieve fundamental change in the lives of all older people by empowering them to live full lives as actively engaged citizens and to secure their rights to comprehensive high quality services according to their changing needs. In 2013 Pfizer supported the work of AAI through a corporate sponsorship of €200.

#### ***Arthritis Ireland***

Arthritis Ireland is a national member's organisation dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with arthritis. Their vision is to inform, enable and empower people with arthritis and those who care for them. In 2013 Pfizer supported Arthritis Ireland's activities through corporate sponsorship and educational grants totalling €238,550.

### ***Chronic Pain Ireland***

CPI provides information, education and support to those living with chronic pain, their families and friends. In addition CPI campaigns for greater recognition of chronic pain as an illness and improved services for patients living with chronic pain. In 2013 Pfizer supported these efforts through educational grants totalling €10,750.

### ***Diabetes Ireland***

Diabetes Ireland is dedicated to helping people with diabetes. Through its network of support branches throughout the country, people who have an interest in diabetes are dedicated to sourcing and sharing information on diabetes and related matters. Pfizer supports the ongoing education of both patients and health care professionals in many aspects of diabetes management and care. In 2013, Diabetes Ireland was supported with an educational grant totalling €5,000.

### ***Fighting Blindness***

Fighting Blindness is a patient-led organisation funding research into treatments and cures for blindness. They also provide a unique professional counselling service for people and families affected by sight loss. Their vision is to cure blindness, support those experiencing sight loss and empower patients. In 2013 Pfizer supported their research activities through a grant of €1,200.

### ***Irish Heart Foundation***

The Irish Heart Foundation is Ireland's national charity for heart health and is working to reduce premature death and disability from heart disease and stroke. In 2013 Pfizer supported the IHF's research, health promotion and educational activities with funding totalling €35,000.

### ***IPPOSI – Irish Platform for Patient Associations, Science and Industry***

IPPOSI is a unique partnership of Patient Groups/Charities, Science and Industry. As a patient led partnership, the platform provides a structured way of facilitating interaction between the three key membership groups (patients' organisations, scientists and industry (and where possible with State Agencies) on policy, legislation and regulation around the development of new medicines, products,

devices and diagnostics for unmet medical needs in Ireland. In 2013 Pfizer supported IPPOSI activities in the form of grants totalling €5,500.

### ***Irish Haemophilia Society***

The Irish Haemophilia Society provides information, education, services and support to all with bleeding disorders and their families. A charitable donation of €26,000 was provided to the Irish Haemophilia Society to allow them to continue their twinning programme with the Vietnam Society of Congenital Bleeding Disorders which is running since 2010. The programme was set up to allow the sharing of experience between long standing and well resourced organisations and newer or less resourced organisations.

### ***Irish Skin Foundation***

The aim of the Irish Skin Foundation (ISF) is to support in all ways possible, to advocate on behalf of, to educate all involved with, and to bring comfort to those affected by skin disease in Ireland, their families and their carers. In 2013, Pfizer supported the patient educational activities of the ISF through grants and corporate sponsorship of €41,014.

### ***Irish Patients' Association***

The Irish Patients' Association aim to keep the patient at the centre of the healthcare system. It does this by advocating for the needs of patients to be paramount while working in partnership with health providers. Through contact with patients, their families, and their carers, the Irish Patients Association (IPA) keeps abreast of ongoing and emerging patient needs. In 2013 Pfizer supported the activities of the IPA through a grant of €5000.

### ***Junior Achievement Ireland***

Junior Achievement works in disadvantaged schools in an effort to teach pupils about the world of work and to inspire young people to make positive changes, set goals and make plans for the future. In 2013, Pfizer Healthcare Ireland supported JAI through a charitable contribution of €5000. IN addition, 10 Pfizer employees gave approximately 50 hours of volunteer time.

### ***Medical Research Charities Group***

The Medical Research Charities Group (MRCG) is an umbrella group of medical research and patient support charities, which originally formed to represent the joint interests of charities specialising in restoring health through medical research, diagnosis and treatment and, where possible, the prevention of disease. In 2013 Pfizer supported the members' communication forum with a grant of €4,000.

### ***Meningitis Research Foundation***

Meningitis Research Foundation funds research to prevent meningitis and septicaemia, improve survival rates and outcomes. They promote education and awareness to reduce death and disability, and give support to people affected by this serious disease. In 2013 Pfizer supported research efforts through a charitable contribution of €23,000.

### ***The Mid-Western Cancer Foundation***

The mid western cancer foundation provides a full range of services to patients with cancer such as a dedicated inpatient Ward and Haematology/Oncology Day Ward where patients attend for pre diagnosis, at diagnosis time and for treatment thereafter. They also have a Regional Specialist Breast Unit, Radiotherapy Centre & Palliative Care Services. Patients and their families can also avail of the Patient Information & Support Centre, which provides patients and their families with up-to-date, research-based information on their cancer and their treatment by qualified and experienced staff. In 2013 Pfizer provided a charitable contribution of €3000 towards the charity's annual "Butterfly Ball".

### ***NET Patient Network***

NET Patient Network is an organisation of Neuroendocrine Tumour (NET) patients in Ireland. Formed in 2012, NET Patient Network provides information and support services for NET patients throughout the country. In 2013, Pfizer provided an educational grant of €2000 to support the national patient information and education day.

### ***Something to Sing About***

It is a charitable organisation set up to bring together cancer survivors from around the world. The primary aim is to provide ongoing support for cancer patients and survivors by means of shared activity (singing) and through the benefit of music therapy. The choir meets for practice sessions weekly, and performs concerts of chosen songs. The money generated by the concerts and recordings goes towards cancer research in order to improve patients' outcomes further. Pfizer supported the 'Something to Sing About Choir' by providing a charitable contribution of €5,000.

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