Involvement of Pharmaceutical Companies and Device Manufacturers in Live CPD Events  
(including live-streamed events and webinars)

Educational activities will only be considered for CPD approval in the absence of bias towards use of any commercial products or services. In the case of the pharmaceutical industry, guidelines are provided by the ABPI19. In all cases, those organising or funding an educational activity have a duty to ensure that the information is presented in a way that is free from bias. Meetings supported by unrestricted educational grants from more than 1 company are usually acceptable.

Logos
Logos of the sponsoring company should ideally be replaced with text. Applications in which fliers and programmes are dominated by large logos will not be accepted. Similarly slides in presentations should avoid the use of logos. Please note that use of any Royal College logo is not permitted on any certificate of attendance or promotional material.

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Company Representative/Marketing talks
Approval will be denied on grounds of commercial bias if the program or agenda for the educational activity includes promotional talks or marketing by company representatives.