

Ethical Funding Policy

The primary source of funding for the DIPEX charity derives from grants and/or payments for the publication of research into patient experiences on its websites – Healthtalkonline and Youthhealthtalk. DIPEX obtains revenues from the supply of patient experience material to educational institutions and to other health-related websites. DIPEX also receives donations from individuals and organisations, both for-profit and not-for-profit.

DIPEX has adopted an ethical funding policy to regulate financial support of its activities, with the overall aim of preserving an established reputation for impartiality and scientific rigour. To achieve this:

1. All information on the DIPEX websites which relates to patient experiences shall be developed uniquely from independent qualitative research and shall not be influenced by the funders of such research or any other third-party funder. Assurance of the independence of our research will be overseen by the DIPEX Steering Group and the Advisory Panels established for each research module.
2. Where material relating to patient experiences is supplied to third-parties, this shall be for not-for-profit use only
3. DIPEX will not accept funding from pharmaceutical companies
4. DIPEX will not accept research funding from any for-profit organisation which has a real or potential vested interest in the research findings
5. DIPEX will not accept any advertising for commercial purposes
6. In cases where DIPEX receives sponsorship from an approved for-profit organisation, DIPEX will provide a sponsors page on the website(s) providing more details on each sponsor, if the sponsor so desires.

All offers of sponsorship from for-profit organisations shall be reviewed and accepted or rejected by the Board of Trustees. A database is maintained of all funding sources which is updated on a monthly basis.

The DIPEX Charity