



# APAGBI Commercial Sponsorship Policy

The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland welcomes working with industry and actively encourages sponsorship of its activities at its conferences.

‘Sponsorship’ means payment by an organisation or individual in return for affiliation with an Association project, event, or asset. It can be in cash or in kind. Sponsorship can help the Association achieve its objectives and ultimately allows us to keep members’ subscription and delegate fees to a minimum.

In accepting sponsorship, the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists will not endorse, or give the impression of endorsing, the actions or products of a sponsor. To reduce the potential for perceptions of bias, sponsors are advised that the Association aims for a mix of sponsors who are considered compatible with the Association’s objectives. This is important in the case of corporate sponsors who may be competitive within a related field.

The arrangement must be wholly transparent. Every sponsorship agreement must be put in writing and should set out unambiguously the responsibilities and expectations of each party, and the benefits which each will receive. The agreement must be signed off by a representative from both parties.

Specifically, if a session of the Annual Scientific Meeting is sponsored, any speaker arranged by the Association, will not be expected to sign a separate agreement with the commercial sponsor either for reimbursement or intellectual property.

The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists reserves the right to refuse a sponsor if, they consider the sponsor to be incompatible with the objectives of the Association.

The decision of the Officers is final.