Materiality assessment

2018-2019



In 2018, alongside the development of our new Trust commitments, we updated our materiality assessment in order to ensure we are responding to the issues identified as critical to our stakeholders and our business. Our last assessment was conducted in 2016.

Methodology

In 2018, we worked with an independent third party, Corporate Citizenship to conduct the materiality review to gather and validate stakeholder and business inputs.

Stakeholder inputs:

We used a range of methods to gather and understand stakeholder inputs, including:

- A review of internal and external stakeholder engagement information and data, including stakeholder engagement on our Trust commitments, global reputation research, extensive employee feedback and comments from investors.
- Desk-based research on the prominence of issues across other external inputs (including media scan results, NGO issue monitoring, GRI and SASB reporting guidelines, Sustainable Development Goals, Dow Jones Sustainability Index, CDP, Access to Medicine Index and other indices).

Business inputs:

Importance to the business was determined through assessing various inputs, including:

- Our purpose, values and expectations
- Our long-term priorities (Innovation, Performance and Trust) and newly developed approach to responsible business through the public commitments to support Trust
- Product portfolio and customer expectations
- Risk management

We held a working session with internal stakeholders to validate the business axis, independently facilitated, to challenge and review the positioning of the issues.

2018 materiality matrix



Key observations

- We saw several topics change in their relative positioning due to a number of factors, including: strategic business priorities, consumer demands and awareness, investor and indices interest and wider societal trends around expectations on issues such as diversity and inclusion and awareness and action on plastics.
- Product innovation, Pricing & affordability and Access to healthcare remain high priority issues which are reflected as core areas of our new set of long-term Trust commitments, published in 2018.
- Waste and packaging has increased in importance to stakeholders due to rising consumer
 pressure for companies to reduce packaging, and indications that governments may impose new
 taxes on plastic packaging.
- A renewed external focus on Employee inclusion and diversity has resulted in the increased importance of the issue to the business and is reflected as a new priority in our Trust commitments to be a modern employer.

Changes to our list of material topics

This year, several material topics and key issues were changed or consolidated to reflect changing stakeholder expectations and business priorities. See Appendix for the full list of material topics and the issues that they cover. The main changes were as follows:

- "Health Security" has been added due to a rise in stakeholder interest in the industry's role in helping the world better prepare for future disease outbreaks and health challenges, including antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- "Pricing" has been changed to ""Pricing & Affordability" to reflect stakeholder concern over balancing cost and affordability.
- "Advocacy" has been added to reflect the importance of appropriate engagement with external
 organisations.
- "Transparency" has been deleted as a material topic, because transparency features in several other topics and we feel it is an approach, rather than a specific topic area.
- "Employee Safety & Wellbeing" has been broadened to "Employee Health, Safety and Wellbeing" to reflect wider issue of employee health.
- "Counterfeiting" has been combined with "Product safety, quality & supply".
- "Charitable donations" has been removed as a topic, as this was felt to be a mechanism through which we address a number of other material topics.

In addition, we altered the wording of a number of key issues to better reflect our areas of focus:

- "Energy use and Climate Change" has been changed to "Climate Change"
- "Ethical Supplier Standards" has been changed to "Supply Chain Management"
- "Human rights (labour)" has been changed to "Labour rights"
- "Waste and recycling" has been changed to "Waste and packaging"

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Appendix: Materiality topics and issues

Our materiality assessment focuses on 22 material topics, with 63 key issues covered by material topics. These are illustrated below:

Topic	Issue
Access to healthcare Advocacy	 Availability of healthcare products Healthcare infrastructure (including training of healthcare workers) Tailoring products to meet needs Public policy and lobbying
	Relationships with patient advocacy groups Trade association membership
Animal research	Alternatives to animal studiesAnimal testing
Anti-bribery & corruption	 Conflicts of interest Facilitation payments Misuse of company assets Theft, fraud and extortion
Biodiversity	 Impact of biodiversity loss on global health Impact of operations, consumer use, and disposal of products on plant and animal life Natural capital derived from ecosystems
Climate change	 Climate change impacts on health Operational energy use and eco-efficiency Product footprint and value chain efficiency
Clinical trial conduct	Diversity in clinical trialsPatient safetyTransparency of clinical trial results
Employee health, safety & wellbeing	Employee health and wellbeingOccupational health and safety
Employee inclusion & diversity	Equal opportunitiesGender, ethnic, LGBT+ and disability diversityGender pay gap
Health security	Antimicrobial resistanceGlobal health preprarednessVaccine hesitancy
Intellectual property	Flexible approaches to IP Innovation and IP protection in healthcare
Labour rights	 Discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability and other forms of discrimination Forced, compulsory and child labour Freedom of association and collective bargaining Inter- and intra- country affordability
	· Pricing of our products

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Pricing & affordability	· Value and outcome-based pricing models
Privacy & data	· Cyber security
security	\cdot Data privacy for employee, supplier, customer and patient/consumer data
Product	· Products for unmet medical needs
innovation	· R&D pipeline across our businesses
Product safety,	· Consumer and patient safety
quality & supply	
	· Quality standards
Sales &	Reliability and availability of supply Product labelling
marketing	· Product nabelling
practices	· Relationships with HCPs
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Supply chain management	Social, environmental and economic standards in our supply chain
management	Supplier engagement and capacity building
Talent,	Traceability of raw materials Recruitment
attraction &	Remuneration practices
retention	· Training and development
Tax & economic	· Local economic contribution
contribution	· Tax incentives
	· Tax strategy
	· Tax transparency
Waste &	· Consumer waste & recycling
packaging	· Operational waste
	Packaging design and use of plastics
Water	· Pharmaceuticals in the environment
Water	Water scarcityWater use in our operations and supply chain
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