

ASTRAZENECA PLC  
Form 6-K  
December 15, 2017

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2017

Commission File Number: 001-11960

AstraZeneca PLC

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Yes \_\_\_ No X

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15 December 2017 12:00 GMT

**TRANSACTION BY PERSON DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**  
Disclosure under Article 19 of the EU Market Abuse Regulation

AstraZeneca PLC (the Company) announces that, on 14 December 2017, it was notified by Pascal Soriot, a Director of the Company, that, on 13 December 2017, Mr Soriot ceased to be beneficially interested in 40,148 Ordinary Shares of \$0.25 each in the Company, following the gift of those shares to family members for nil consideration.

The attached notification, made in accordance with the requirements of the EU Market Abuse Regulation, gives further detail.

1 Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities / person closely associated

a) Name Pascal Soriot

2 Reason for the notification

a) Position/status Chief Executive Officer

b) Initial notification /Amendment Initial notification

3 Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor

a) Name AstraZeneca PLC

b) LEI PY6ZZQWO2IZFZC3IOL08

4 Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted

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Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument	Ordinary Shares of US\$0.25 each in AstraZeneca PLC	
a) Identification code	GB0009895292	
b) Nature of the transaction	Gift of shares to family members for nil consideration	
c) Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)
	0	40,148
Aggregated information	Not applicable - single transaction	
d) - Aggregated volume		
- Price		
e) Date of the transaction	13 December 2017	
f) Place of the transaction	Outside a trading venue	

About AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialisation of prescription medicines, primarily for the treatment of diseases in three therapy areas - Oncology, Cardiovascular & Metabolic Diseases and Respiratory. The Company also is selectively active in the areas of autoimmunity, neuroscience and infection. AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide.

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AstraZeneca PLC

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AstraZeneca PLC

Date: 15 December 2017  
By: /s/ Adrian Kemp  
Name: Adrian Kemp  
Title: Company Secretary