

FORM 8 (DD)

**PUBLIC DEALING DISCLOSURE BY A PARTY TO AN OFFER OR PERSON ACTING IN CONCERT (INCLUDING DEALINGS FOR THE ACCOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT CLIENTS)**

Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

**1. KEY INFORMATION**

(a) Full name of discloser:	Mandy Gradden
(b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a): <i>The naming of nominee or vehicle companies is insufficient. For a trust, the trustee(s), settlor and beneficiaries must be named.</i>	N/A
(c) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates: <i>Use a separate form for each offeror/offeree</i>	Ascential plc
(d) Status of person making the disclosure: <i>e.g. offeror, offeree, person acting in concert with the offeror/offeree (specify name of offeror/offeree)</i>	Person acting in concert with the offeree (Ascential plc)
(e) Date dealing undertaken:	8 October 2024
(f) In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other party to the offer? <i>If it is a cash offer or possible cash offer, state "N/A"</i>	N/A

**2. POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE**

*If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 2(a) or (b) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security.*

**(a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates following the dealing**

Class of relevant security:	Ordinary shares of 1.7p			
	Interests		Short positions	
	Number	%	Number	%
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	1,606,712	0.762	Nil	-
(2) Cash-settled derivatives:	Nil	-	Nil	-
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	Nil	-	Nil	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	1,606,712	0.762	Nil	-

*All interests and all short positions should be disclosed.*

*Details of any open stock-settled derivative positions (including traded options), or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).*

*Details of any securities borrowing and lending positions or financial collateral arrangements should be disclosed on a Supplemental Form 8 (SBL).*

**(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors' and other employee options)**

<b>Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists:</b>	Ordinary shares of 1.7p		
<b>Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:</b>			
<b>Ascential plc Employee Share Incentive Plan</b>			
<b>No. of Awards</b>	<b>Date of grant</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Exercise price</b>
506 <sup>1</sup>	10/03/2016 <sup>2</sup>	10/03/2019	nil
300	27/06/2024	27/06/2027	nil

<sup>1</sup> Reflects: (1) the grant of Free Shares on 10 March 2016; (2) Additional Dividend Shares allotted as dividend equivalents in accordance with the rules of the SIP scheme; and (3) share consolidation.

<sup>2</sup> Release date applies to the grant of Free Shares on 10 March 2016. Additional Dividend Shares allotted will be released three years after the date of their respective grant.

### 3. DEALINGS BY THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

Where there have been dealings in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 3(a), (b), (c) or (d) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security dealt in.

The currency of all prices and other monetary amounts should be stated.

#### (a) Purchases and sales

##### (i) Party to an offer or person acting in concert (except for a principal trader in the same group as a connected adviser)

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

##### (ii) Principal trader where the sole reason for the connection is that the principal trader is in the same group as a connected adviser

Class of relevant security	Purchases/sales	Total number of securities	Highest price per unit paid/received	Lowest price per unit paid/received
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### (b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. CFD	Nature of dealing e.g. opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing a long/short position	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### (c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options)

##### (i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. call option	Writing, purchasing, selling, varying etc.	Number of securities to which option relates	Exercise price per unit	Type e.g. American, European etc.	Expiry date	Option money paid/received per unit
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

##### (ii) Exercise

<b>Class of relevant security</b>	<b>Product description</b> <i>e.g. call option</i>	<b>Exercising/ exercised against</b>	<b>Number of securities</b>	<b>Exercise price per unit</b>
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Options under the 2022 Employee Savings Related Share Option Plan	Ascential plc	6,629	1.81
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Options under the 2020 Deferred Annual Bonus Plan	Ascential plc	20,709	Nil

**(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)**

<b>Class of relevant security</b>	<b>Nature of dealing</b> <i>e.g. subscription, conversion</i>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Price per unit (if applicable)</b>
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2020 awards under the Performance Share Plan	225,229	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2022 awards under the Performance Share Plan	244,545	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the February 2023 awards under the Performance Share Plan	312,710	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the December 2023 awards under the Performance Share Plan	74,349	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2024 awards under the Performance Share Plan	278,480	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2022 awards under the Deferred Annual Bonus Plan	76,287	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2023 awards under the Deferred Annual Bonus Plan	49,859	Nil
Ordinary shares of 1.7p	Acquisition in satisfaction of the 2024 awards under the Deferred Annual Bonus Plan	75,310	Nil

**4. OTHER INFORMATION**

**(a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements**

<p><b>Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the party to the offer or person acting in concert making the disclosure and any other person:</b>  <i>Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included. If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"</i></p>
NONE

**(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives**

<p><b>Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the party to the offer or person acting in concert making the disclosure and any other person relating to:</b>  <b>(i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or</b>  <b>(ii) the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:</b>  <i>If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"</i></p>
NONE

**(c) Attachments**

**Are any Supplemental Forms attached?**

<b>Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions)</b>	NO
<b>Supplemental Form 8 (SBL)</b>	NO

<b>Date of disclosure:</b>	8 October 2024
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*Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.*

*The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's dealing disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.*

*The Code can be viewed on the Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk).*

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