

## Council of Governors

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Council of Governors Declarations of Interest</b>
<b>Executive/NED Lead:</b>	Helen Taylor, Chair
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<b>Previously considered by:</b>	N/A

**Approval**     
  **Discussion**     
  **Information**     
  **Assurance**

<b>Executive summary</b>		
<p>The Standards of Business Conduct Policy requires all Board Directors and Council of Governors to declare any interests, which are relevant and material to the Board and Council of Governors. This includes any interest that could conflict with the impartial discharge of their duties; and which could cause conflict between their private interests and their NHS duties.</p> <p>The Register of Interests is presented at the beginning of each meeting to ensure that appropriate reference, is given to, and subsequent action is taken should there be any conflict with an agenda item.</p>		
<b>Action Required of the Board/Committee</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note the Declarations of Interest</li> <li>• To inform the Head of Corporate Governance of any changes</li> </ul>		
<b>Link to Strategic Objectives (SO)</b>		<b>Please tick</b>
SO1	Keep people in control of their health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO2	Lead the integration of care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO3	Develop our centres of excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Support and develop our staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO5	Drive technology enabled care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences)</i>		If we are not cognisant of Board and COG members interests, our decision-making may be subject to allegations that we have acted inappropriately.
<b>Trust Risk Appetite</b>		Quality: The board is cautious when it comes to quality and places the principle of "no harm" at the heart of the decision. It is prepared to accept some risk if the benefits are justifiable and the potential for mitigation is strong
<b>Legal and regulatory implications</b> <i>(including links to CQC outcomes, Monitor, inspections, audits, etc.)</i>		<p>Failure to manage conflicts of interest could lead to criminal proceedings including for offences such as fraud, bribery and corruption. The Fraud Act 2006 created a criminal offence of fraud and defines three ways of committing it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fraud by false representation</li> <li>• Fraud by failing to disclose information and</li> <li>• Fraud by abuse of position.</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Implications</b>		There are no financial implications with this paper.

<b>Equality and Diversity</b>	Nothing detailed within the report contravenes Trust legal/statutory responsibilities or the human rights of staff and/or public.
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