

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open)

Date: 11 September 2019

Item Ref:

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TITLE OF PAPER	Register of Interests and Register of Hospitality, Sponsorship & Gifts
TO BE PRESENTED BY	Margaret Saunders, Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
ACTION REQUIRED	The Board is requested to note the relevant assurance regarding the register of interest and register of sponsorship, hospitality and gifts.

OUTCOME	The Board will receive assurance the registers are maintained in accordance with the Managing Conflicts of Interest in the NHS policy.
TIMETABLE FOR DECISION	N/A
LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS / DECISIONS	Counter Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers and Standing Financial Instructions
STRATEGIC AIM: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	Quality & Safety Effective governance, quality assurance and improvement will underpin all we do
BAF RISK NUMBER: BAF RISK DESCRIPTION:	A101iii Risk that governance systems are not sufficient embedded
LINKS TO NHS CONSTITUTION & OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS, RISK, OUTCOMES ETC	SHSC Constitution NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance 7 Principles of Public Life
IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY & FINANCIAL IMPACT	The NHS as a public sector organisation must be impartial and honest in the conduct of its business and employees must be beyond suspicion. This Trust therefore adopts a transparent approach to all its activities in line with the Nolan principles, which are undertaken in line with the Trust's robust governance arrangements and according to its provider licence and constitution.
CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES	It is a legal requirement for the Trust to have a publicly available register of interests.

Author of Report	Sam Stoddart
Designation	Deputy Board Secretary
Date of Report	27 August 2019

SUMMARY REPORT

Report to: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: 11 September 2019

Subject: Register of Interests and Register of Sponsorship, Hospitality & Gifts

Author: Sam Stoddart, Deputy Board Secretary

1. Purpose

<i>For approval</i>	<i>For a collective decision</i>	<i>To report progress</i>	<i>To seek input from</i>	<i>For information</i>	<i>Other (Please state below)</i>
					For receipt

2. Summary

The Trust approved a revised policy on Managing Declarations of Interest in the NHS in November 2017 to reflect new national guidance from NHS England. It is stipulated in the policy that the register should be presented to the Audit Committee and Board on an annual basis.

In April 2019 the Deputy Board Secretary informed all directors of the staff groups required to submit annual declarations and of the need to ensure that staff are made of aware of their obligations. Additionally, in her annual letter to staff, the Chair of the Audit Committee explains the requirements of the policy amongst other governance requirements.

Declarations have been and continue to be submitted and the register of interests for 2019/20 reflects all declarations to date. In addition, any declarations made at Board and Board committees are provided to the register holder and included on the register. No declarations of gift or hospitality have been received to date for the 2019/20 financial year.

This report was presented to the Audit Committee on 16 July 2019 which was fully assured the Trust is compliant with its policy.

3. Next Steps

The Register of interests will continue to be maintained and updated in line with the requirements of the Managing Conflicts of Interest in the NHS Policy. The register of interests for Board Members will be available on the Trust's website.

4. Required Actions

The Board is asked to receive this paper and the assurance it provides that due process is being followed.

5. Monitoring Arrangements

It is the responsibility of the Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary) to ensure the Trust holds Registers of Interest in line with the requirements set out in the Trust's Constitution and the NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance.

6. Contact Details

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