## CEO statement on bribery

As an organisation we are committed to applying the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity, and to delivering the highest standards of patient care; this includes the safeguarding of taxpayer funding.

The Bribery Act 2010 came into force on 1 July 2011. Bribery is defined within the Act as the giving or receiving of a financial or other advantage in exchange for improperly performing a relevant function or activity.

Under no circumstances is the giving, offering, receiving, or soliciting of a bribe acceptable and we will not tolerate this in any form. This applies to all staff, volunteers and non-executives, together with any external agents working or acting on our behalf.

Whittington Health NHS Trust follows the Ministry of Justice guidance and NHS Counter Fraud Authority guidance to prevent and detect fraud, corruption and bribery; and has robust controls, policies and procedures in place to prevent fraud, corruption and bribery.

On behalf of Whittington Health NHS Trust, I would like to re-affirm our commitment to ensuring that the trust is free from fraud, corruption and bribery and that all members of staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the prevention of bribery.

If you suspect our Trust of being a victim of fraud, bribery or corruption related activity, please contact our dedicated Counter Fraud Specialist, James Shortall, or the NHS Counter Fraud Authority via the details below:

james.shortall@nhs.net / 07815 000 289

NHS Counter Fraud Authority - on 0800 028 4060

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