

**ITEM: 10/034**  
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**Meeting:** Trust Board  
**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Title:** Register of Directors' Interests

**Executive Summary:** The register of directors' interests is reviewed and updated as a whole on an annual basis. Interests that arise during the year should be notified to the Corporate Secretary at the time and reported to the Trust Board at the next meeting. In addition, there is the requirement for directors to declare at any Board meeting a potential conflict of interest relating to an item on the agenda.

Current guidance on declaring interests is contained in the Code of Accountability for NHS Boards (Appointments Commission/Department of Health 2<sup>nd</sup> revision July 2004) of which all board members have received a copy. The relevant paragraph states:

Declaration of Interests

It is a requirement that chairs and all board directors should declare any conflict of interest that arises in the course of conducting NHS business. All NHS organisations maintain a register of member's interests to avoid any danger of board directors being influenced, or appearing to be influenced, by their private interests in the exercise of their public duties. All board members are therefore expected to declare any personal or business interest which may influence, or may be *perceived* to influence, their judgement. This should include, as a minimum, personal direct and indirect financial interests, and should normally also include such interests of close family members. Indirect financial interests arise from connections with bodies which have a direct financial interest, or from being a business partner of, or being employed by, a person with such an interest.

The updated register is attached. It should be noted that although the requirement is for the interests of voting members of the Board to be in the public domain, it is considered good practice for all directors who speak at the Board and can therefore influence decisions to declare their interests. It is recommended that the complete register of all directors' interests should be posted on the website and made available to the public on request to the Executive Office.

**Action:** The Board is asked to note the updated register and confirm that it should be posted on the web-site in this format.

**Report from:** Susan Sorensen  
Trust Corporate Secretary

**Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance**

Lead: All directors

**Reference:**

Code of Conduct and Code of Accountability in the NHS  
July 2004

**Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime**

Lead: All directors

**Compliance framework reference:**

Board Statement on Governance