

New NHS Alliance **Conflicts of Interest Policy**

October 2020

New NHS Alliance (NNHSA) Directors are responsible for the governance, oversight, strategic direction and overall delivery of the activities of New NHS Alliance.

To fulfil these obligations, Directors must have specialist knowledge, expertise and experience relevant to the work of NNHSA. It is assumed that Directors will apply their professional expertise and experience in relation to the matters of NNHSA; indeed, applying this expertise and experience is critical to enabling NNHSA to fulfil its purpose.

The 'register of interests' (the register) will ensure that these interests are transparent and that there can be no perception that the functions and activities of NNHSA are being unduly influenced by a Director's other interests, or their specialist knowledge and expertise.

The register does not preclude Directors from having other areas of interests.

In circumstances where a Director's interests are in direct conflict with a matter being discussed or a project being undertaken, this member is expected to raise this at the outset and they may be asked to withdraw from discussions/projects related to this conflict of interest. These decisions will be taken on a case-by-case basis by the Directors and will be noted in the minutes of each relevant Director meeting.

Some example interests to register:

- Employer – the organisation that pays the Director's salary
- Patient Organisations – for which the Director has an official relationship
- Professional groups and societies – that may be conducting similar work
- Ministries or governmental bodies – that the Director may advise for or work with
- Pharmaceutical or medical device companies – that the Director may work with or advise
- Funders – that the Director may receive funding from
- Organisations providing services – that the Director or his/her family may be receiving support from
- Publications and other information sources – that the Director may contribute to
- Research grants – source of funding
- Affiliations – that the Director may be committed to

Management of the Register of Interests

The register will be managed by the CEO. On an annual basis Directors will be asked to complete and sign a Declaration of Interests. These will be held by the CEO and will be used to complete the Register of Interests. All new Directors will complete and sign a Declaration of Interests form.

If a new conflict of interest arises, it is the responsibility of the Director to inform the Secretary in a timely manner so that the register can be updated.

The register will be made available on the NNHSA website. Copies of individual declarations will be available to any interested party upon written request to the CEO who will respond within 14 working days.

Date of last full review: October 2020.

We will undertake a light-tough review annually and a full review every 3 years.