

Governors' Code of Conduct

As a Governor of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:-

1. I will commit to and actively support the NHS Foundation Trust's vision and values:-

Our vision is:-

- To offer 'best in NHS' care for our patients
- To be the first choice for the residents of the Fylde Coast and beyond
- To offer outstanding value for money for the taxpayer
- To be a great place to work

Our values are:-

- We put patients at the heart of what we do
- We respect each other and prize teamwork
- We put our customers' needs first
- We praise more than blame
- We have a 'can do' attitude
- We embrace change for the better
- We communicate, communicate, communicate

2. I will seek at all times to support the NHS Foundation Trust in its aims and priorities and ensure its needs and interests are foremost in decision-making.

3. I will act with discretion and care in respect of difficult and confidential issues.

4. I will maintain confidentiality with regard to information gained.

5. I will acknowledge that the NHS Foundation Trust is an apolitical organisation.

6. If I am a member of any trade union, political party or other organisation, I recognise that, as a Governor, I will not be representing those organisations (or the views of those organisations) but will be representing the constituency (public or staff) that elected me or the organisation that nominated me.

7. I will be honest and act with integrity and probity at all times.

8. I will declare any conflicting interests or commercial interests.

9. I will respect and treat with dignity and fairness the public, patients, relatives, carers, NHS staff and partners in other agencies.

10. I will seek to ensure that my Governor colleagues are valued and that judgements about them are consistent, fair and unbiased and are properly founded.
11. I will accept responsibility for my actions.
12. I will be a committed team member by working with my colleagues in the NHS and wider community.
13. I will seek to ensure that the membership of the constituency I represent is properly informed and able to influence services.
14. I will seek to ensure that no one is discriminated against because of their religion, belief, race, colour, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, age, social or economic status or national origin.
15. I will at all times comply with the Constitution, Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions of the NHS Foundation Trust.
16. I will respect the confidentiality of individual patients and comply with the confidentiality policies of the NHS Foundation Trust.
17. I will not make, permit, or knowingly allow to be made any untrue or misleading statement relating to my own duties or the functions of the NHS Foundation Trust.
18. I will seek to ensure that the best interests of the public, patients, carers and staff are upheld in decision-making and the decisions are not improperly influenced by gifts or inducements.
19. I will support and assist the Accountable Officer (Chief Executive) of the NHS Foundation Trust in his responsibility to answer to the Independent Regulator (*Monitor*), commissioners and the public to fully and faithfully declare and explain the use of resources and the performance of the Foundation Trust in putting national policy into practice and delivering targets.
20. I will uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life, determined by the Nolan Committee as follows:-

Selflessness

Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

Integrity

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

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I confirm that I have read and understood the Governors Code of Conduct.

I hereby agree to comply with the Governors' Code of Conduct.

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
(please print) (please print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the signed form to the Foundation Trust Secretary.