

The Bribery Act – statement of Governing Body

The Bribery Act 2010 came into force on 1 July 2011. The aim of the Act is to tackle bribery and corruption in both the private and public sector.

Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is keen to ensure that it complies with the Bribery Act and has undertaken work to raise awareness of it with all staff and members of the CCG/Governing Body Members.

One of the six principles of the Act demands that there is top level commitment in the organisation to the prevention of bribery. The Swindon CCG Governing Body is totally committed to this and has discussed the Act at its CLG meetings, agreeing ways to communicate the importance of transparency and openness at all times. NHS Swindon CCG's Registered Nurse and Governing Body Member has been identified as the lead in the organisation for the prevention of bribery.

As an NHS organisation we follow good NHS Business Practice and have controls in place to prevent bribery. However, we cannot afford to be complacent and it is important that all our employees, contractors and agents comply with CCG policies and procedures, particularly with regard to procurement and sponsorship.

It is also essential that everyone working for, or on behalf of, the CCG are aware of the standards of behaviour expected of them. These standards are enshrined in CCG Policy, setting out the ethics, professional conduct and probity standards that are expected of all Swindon CCG employees in relation to their professional conduct.

On behalf of Swindon CCG, the Governing Body confirms our commitment to ensuring all staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the prevention of Bribery.