

EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**REPORT TO: COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS – 14 JANUARY 2014****SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT REVISION****REPORT FROM: The Chairman / Trust Secretary****PURPOSE: Decision****CONTEXT / REVIEW HISTORY /**

Governors have a key role in Foundation Trusts: They hold the NEDs to account for the performance of the Trust Board and they are an essential link between the Trust and its membership and the wider population. It is therefore important that Governors uphold the highest of standards of integrity, probity and accountability.

The Code of Conduct is intended to support and complement the Trust's Constitution.

SUMMARY:

The Code of Conduct was last reviewed in 2009. The Trust has taken the opportunity to review the document ahead of the forthcoming Governor elections to ensure it remains consistent with good practice, the Trust's Constitution and Monitor Guidelines.

The majority of the amendments in the attached document refine the existing wording, with the exception of Appendix 1. The original Appendix 1 will be replaced with the Governor Roles document which has been previously agreed by the Council of Governors. Appendix 3 has been added to outline the Nolan Principles.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ACTION REQUIRED:

Endorse the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct.