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Corporate Statement on Bribery

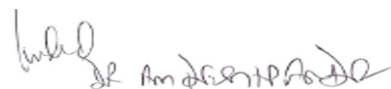
At NHS Thurrock CCG we value our reputation for top quality care, financial probity and sound governance and we conduct our business in an ethical manner. The Bribery Act 2010, effective from 1st July 2011 was introduced to make it easier to tackle the issue of bribery. Bribery can be defined as 'giving someone a financial or other advantage to encourage them to perform their function or activity improperly or reward them for having done so.'

In order to limit our exposure to bribery we have in place a clear Conflict of Interest Policy, Whistleblowing Policy and a Local Counter Fraud Specialist who will investigate any allegation. We encourage staff to report any suspicion of bribery and rigorously investigate any allegations. In addition we maintain a register of interests for Board members, clinical leads and officers and we ask them not to accept gifts or hospitality outside the limited circumstances set out in the Conflicts of Interest Policy.

The Board carries out its business in an open and transparent way. We are committed to the prevention of bribery as well as to combating fraud and expect those organisations we work with to do the same. Doing business in this way enables us to reassure our members, stakeholders and members of the community that public funds are properly safeguarded.



Mandy Ansell
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Dr Anand Deshpande
Chair

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