

Conflict of Interest Statement for members of the Stewardship Group

A conflict of interest arises when someone's personal and professional roles may clash. When this happens it can be difficult for people to be unbiased and act in the best interests of the LINK. Conflicts of interest can and will arise and it's important to be aware of them so that everyone involved in the Stewardship Group is open about their interests and opinions.

For example a conflict of interest may be:

- You are related to a Manager at a Care Home which has been receiving complaints through the LINK.
- You have filed a complaint about a health service you are using and the same service is discussed in the Stewardship Group.
- You are a member of another group which talks about things that have come up in the LINK

Each member of the group should think about whether there are any health or social care services that they have any connections with, or any other groups/organisations they are part of which may be important for the LINK to know about. Even if you are not sure it is better to put them down.

Members of the Stewardship Group should not take part in any discussions relating to their conflicts of interest, which they may be asked to withdraw from. A conflict of interest register will be available at each meeting.

Declaration of a Conflict of Interest

This form should be completed for all declared Conflicts of Interest

What is the conflict of interest?

This form should be signed by yourself and the Chair of the Stewardship Group and will be held on file while you are involved in the LINK.

Signed and dated (Group member):

Signed and dated (Chair): _____