



## Conflicts of Interest in Research

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In order to avoid conflicts of interest arising in the course of their business all the Alliance Trusts have 'Business Standards' or similar policies providing a system for staff to declare any interests they may have. Researchers are reminded that these arrangements apply to all activities they undertake within their employing organisations, including research activities.

When undertaking any research activity in an Alliance Trust it is the researcher's duty to declare anything that is, or could be perceived as, an actual or potential conflict of interest. This can include family or friends' interests.

Disclosure should be made using the procedure / forms contained in the relevant procedural document maintained by the researcher's employing organisation.

**IN ADDITION** to the reporting requirements mandated by the employing organisation, the researcher must give to the R&D Unit a copy of any disclosure form that may be relevant to a research project.

Researchers should ask themselves whether they have any interests to disclose in the following research-related circumstances (this list is not exhaustive):

- When seeking advice or assistance from a Research Adviser or other member of staff in the R&D Unit;
- When applying for Alliance Trust sponsorship of a research project;
- When applying for NHS Permission to undertake research in an Alliance Trust.

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