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Dear colleague,

NHS England is strengthening the statutory guidance on managing conflicts of interest for CCGs. This is part of a system-wide governance project to strengthen conflicts of interest management across the NHS.

A copy of the draft revised statutory guidance is attached, along with a summary report of the key findings from a recent audit we undertook on conflicts of interest management in co-commissioning arrangements.

The key proposed changes to the statutory guidance include:

- Increasing lay representation on CCG governing bodies to support with the management of conflicts of interest;
- Introducing a conflicts of interest guardian in CCGs to act as a key point of contact for any issues;
- Requiring CCGs to include an annual audit of conflicts of interest management within their internal audit plans and to publish the audit findings within their annual end-of-year governance statement;
- Strengthening the provisions around gifts and hospitality;
- Strengthening provisions around decision-making when a member of the group is conflicted;
- Requiring CCGs to have a robust conflicts of interest breach policy and to publish any breaches on their website; and
- Requiring all CCG staff and staff of their member practices to complete mandatory conflicts of interest on-line training on an annual basis.

If you have any feedback on the draft guidance, please email this to england.co-commissioning@nhs.net by Friday 29 April 2016.

Many thanks.

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