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| Meeting: **Date:** | Board of NHS Golden Jubilee 24 May 2022 |  |
| Subject: | Code of Conduct |
| Recommendation: | Committee members are asked to:  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Discuss and Note |  | | Discuss and Approve | ✓ | | Note for Information only |  | | |
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**1. Situation**

The Board of NHS Golden Jubilee is asked to approve the attached Code of Conduct for Members of the Board.

**2. Background**

Board Members will recall that the Board Secretary circulated to Members a copy of the Model Code of Conduct for devolved Public Bodies, subsequent to approval of the Model Code by the Scottish Parliament in December 2021.

Following the approval of the Model Code, the Board Secretaries Group, together with The Corporate Governance Steering Committee within NHS Scotland and the Standards Commission, worked on production of a “Once for Scotland” Code for each NHS Board.

All NHS Boards are being asked, by 16th June 2022, to approve a Code of Conduct on the basis of the “Once for Scotland” approach. The proposed NHS Golden Jubilee Code of Conduct forms Appendix 1 to this Report.

Revised Guidance from the Standards Commission has also been published, reflecting comments provided by the Board Secretaries Group and the Corporate Governance Steering Committee. This Guidance, together with the NHS Golden Jubilee Code of Conduct has been placed in the Board Development folder on Admin Control.

**3. Assessment**

Sections 3 and 4 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000 require devolved public bodies, such as NHS boards, to adopt a code of conduct for members which accords with the Model Code of Conduct promoted by the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The Standards Commission for Scotland having worked with relevant national groups to produce a “Once for Scotland” approach suitable for NHS Boards, it is in the Board’s interests to approve the attached Code for use within NHS Golden Jubilee in discharge of this statutory duty.

**4. Recommendation**

Members are asked to approve the attached Code of Conduct for use within NHS Golden Jubilee.

**Jann Gardner**

**Chief Executive**

**18 May 2022**