



North Tyneside LINK Register of Interest January 2012

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The North Tyneside LINK Register of Interest is to ensure that the decision making of the LINK is publicly accountable. Those involved in the decision making will complete a form that asks about their membership of other agencies and their interests, and especially any interest that they may have in health and social care services. The register is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Interest

- 2.1 Interest is defined as being of self, partner, family and relatives, in health and/or social care within North Tyneside, such as:
- Employment
 - Volunteering
 - Placement
 - Business
 - Receipt or gift of hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25
 - Other beneficial interest
 - Other involvement in agencies and organisations

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership is defined as being of:
- A voluntary organisation or community group including as Trustee or Director
 - Any NHS body, agency or contractor
 - Local authority body or contractor
 - Independent health or care provider
 - Any other agency or group concerned with health and/or social care
- 3.2 The criteria are not whether the member thinks they have an interest to declare, but whether another LINK member or a member of the public *would think* they have an interest to declare. An example might be one which was of financial benefit, such as a member deciding about care services provided by themselves or by an agency to which they belong. It could be knowledge or interest in another person, such as family or friends.
- 3.3 If a LINK member considers that their information about personal interests is of a sensitive nature, then they would not need to include it on the public register when registering their interest but it should be discussed with the LINK Team.
- 3.4 In addition to the Register, NT LINK members who are making LINK decisions are expected to declare any interest at the beginning of a LINK meeting, and

also if something came up during the meeting in which they may be seen as having an interest.

4. Working groups

- 4.1 All LINK members involved in LINK working-groups will be asked at the beginning of the project to declare any interests for the period of time that the working-group exists.

5. Sensitive information

- 5.1 Information that is of a sensitive nature means information that if available for public inspection would create or is likely to create a serious risk that the LINK member or a person who lives with them may be subjected to violence or intimidation.
- 5.2 This register of North Tyneside LINK Board member's interests will be kept to ensure that any conflicts of interest can be identified. All Board members are required to sign this form, which will be reviewed annually. If interests change, please keep the LINK team informed.

6. What will be on the register?

- 6.1 The Register will include the name of the LINK Board member, their interests and their membership of relevant agencies.

7. Review

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed by January 2013.

LINK Manager
January 2012

Appendix 1

Register of Interest

Board member	Financial, personal, organisation or business interest	Signature	Date