

Bribery Act Statement – our commitment

Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust values our reputation for top quality care and financial probity and conducts our business in an ethical manner.

The Board of Directors carries out its business in an open and transparent way. We are committed to the prevention of bribery as well as to combating fraud and expect all organisations/contractors instructed by our organisation to demonstrate a comparable commitment in order to do business with us. Doing business in this way enables us to reassure our patients, members and stakeholders that public funds are safeguarded.

The Bribery Act 2010 was introduced to make it easier to tackle the issue of bribery which is a damaging practice. Bribery can be defined as ‘giving someone a financial gain or other advantage to encourage them to perform their duties improperly or reward them for having done so’.

To limit our exposure to bribery we have in place an Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy [LINK], a Managing Conflicts in the NHS Policy [LINK] and a Whistleblowing Policy [LINK]. These policies apply to all staff and individuals who act on behalf of our organisation.

Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust employs a Local Counter Fraud Manager who will investigate, as appropriate, any allegations of fraud, bribery or corruption.

The success of our anti-bribery approach depends on our staff playing their part in helping to detect and eradicate bribery. Therefore, we encourage staff, service users, patients, visitors and others associated with the Trust to report any suspicions

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