

Public Board Meeting:  
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## TRUST BOARD MEETINGS

### MEETING PROTOCOL

The Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Board welcomes the attendance of members of the public at its Board meetings to observe the Trust's decision-making process.

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Members of the public will be given an opportunity to raise questions related to agenda items at the beginning of the meeting. Questions are welcome in advance in writing, by email or telephone; or verbally at the meeting. The Board will respond to questions during the content of the meeting.

If members of the public wish to raise matters not on the agenda, then arrangements will be made for them to be discussed after the meeting with the appropriate director.

An acronyms buster has been appended to the end of the papers.

Hattie Llewelyn-Davies

Chair

## THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE

The Committee has set out '**Seven Principles of Public Life**' which it believes should apply to all in the public service. These are:

### **Selflessness**

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

### **Integrity**

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

### **Objectivity**

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

### **Accountability**

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

### **Openness**

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

### **Honesty**

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

### **Leadership**

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

This document should be read in association with the NHS Code of Conduct.