

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 26 January 2022

Title of Report: Updated Model Code of Conduct and Argyll & Bute IJB Standing Orders

Presented by: Charlotte Craig

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- Review the changes to the Standing Orders
- Approve the changes to the Standing Orders

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report contains an updated version of the Integration Joint Board Standing Orders which reflect the updated Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.
- 1.2 The Model Code of Conduct was last reviewed in 2014 and Scottish Government acknowledged that society has seen a variety of developments since then. A consultation was undertaken in October 2020 through to February 2021 to contribute to a revised Model Code.
- 1.3 Key areas highlighted were the role of social media, the importance of respectful behaviour and the zero tolerance approach to bullying and harassment. The Model Code has also been reviewed to ensure that it is easier to understand and for board members to take personal ownership for their behaviour.
- 1.4 The Standing Orders have been updated replacing the previous Model Code of Conduct with the new Model Code pending a fuller regular review of the Standing Orders.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.2 The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 requires Scottish Ministers to issue a Code of Conduct for Councillors (Councillors Code) and a Model Code of Conduct for members of devolved public bodies (Members' Code) as listed in Schedule 3 of the Act, as amended.
- 2.3 The Scottish Government prepared a consultation paper with proposed amendments seeking to reflect the perceived required changes. This can be found at this link:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-paper-ethical-standards-public-life-proposals-amendments-made-model-code-conduct-members-devolved-public-bodies>

- 2.4 The updated Model Code was scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament and approved in October 2021.

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Model Code of Conduct has been reviewed with the aim of being more reflective of developments in society, to make the document more accessible for board members reinforcing their own personal responsibility and reinforcing an explicit zero tolerance approach to bullying and harassment.

The Argyll & Bute Integration Joint Board Standing Orders are scheduled for a full review and this update is an interim update (v3.1 to v3.2) as this Code supersedes the previous code.

There is a further change to section 2.2 also indicates two unpaid carer representatives updated from one.

The updated Model Code takes into account the use of social media and greater awareness and rights of identified communities.

It further provides supporting guidance on completing the annual Register of Interests and on declaring interests to ensure transparency.

Integration Joint Board members are invited to review and approve the updated Standing Orders indicating their agreement with the update in writing to the Business Improvement Manager who will collate and submit to the Standards Officer as a matter of record.

4. RELEVANT DATA AND INDICATORS

Scottish Government Consultation and Analysis.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Model Code supports

6. GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Impact

None directly from this paper

6.2 Staff Governance

None directly from this paper

6.3 Clinical Governance

None directly from this paper

7. PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY

The IJB Standards Officer has communicated the Model Code of conduct to members of the Argyll & Bute Integration Joint Board and the Standing Orders have been updated to reflect this.

8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The Model Code of Conduct seek to reflect developments in society to ensure that the Board is fully aware of developing legislation that supports and equal and diverse society in Argyll & Bute.

9. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE

Relevant documentation is stored in compliance with GDPR.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Model Code informs the conduct of the Board with the ‘Key Principles’ guiding the decision making of the Board. This should impact on considerations when assessing risk to the Argyll & Bute Integration Board Area.

11. PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

Scottish Government undertook a public consultation resulting in the final Model Code.

12. CONCLUSIONS

Integration Joint Board Members are invited to approve the updated Standing Orders and where not bound by the code as part of another role they are invited to provide their agreement in writing that they are happy to agree to the Model Code.

13. DIRECTIONS

Directions required to Council, NHS Board or both.	Directions to:	tick
	No Directions required	x
	Argyll & Bute Council	
	NHS Highland Health Board	
	Argyll & Bute Council and NHS Highland Health Board	

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