

GATESHEAD LINK



Register of Members' Interests

Gateshead LINK keeps a register of members' interests to ensure that any conflicts of interest can be identified. You are asked to complete and sign this form. If relevant interests change please notify Gateshead LINK so that a new declaration can be made.

You need to declare any financial, personal, organisational, business connections or interests that may influence any decisions you make as a member of Gateshead LINK.

Name of financial, personal, organisational or business interest	Further details

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information above is correct.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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Guidance for the Register of Members' Interests

- 1. It is important that Gateshead LINK members act in accordance with high standards**
- 2. Members must not use their membership to secure financial, personal or business gain**
- 3. You must declare on the register any financial, personal, business connections, membership of any other organisation(s) or any other interests that may influence any decisions you make as a member of Gateshead LINK**
- 4. Gateshead LINK will store the register of interests in a secure, locked cabinet to preserve confidentiality**
- 5. Members should notify Gateshead LINK if their circumstances changes and a new declaration needs to be made**
- 6. Members will be required to update their declarations on a yearly basis**
- 7. If an item arises during a Gateshead LINK meeting with which a member has a conflict, they should declare it and withdraw from the meeting while that issue is under discussion**
- 8. Examples of relevant interests are:**
 - Paid employment, directorships or partnerships related to any health and social care agency**
 - Paid consultancies or advisory positions related to any health or social care agency**
 - Paid commissioned work or speaking engagements which are not part of official duties**
 - Voluntary positions held as an office holder or trustee for any agency dealing with health and social care**
 - The employment or other financial, personal or business interest of a spouse, partner or close relative which could reasonably be regarded as relevant to the Gateshead LINK**

This list is for guidance and is not exhaustive.

**Agreed September 2008
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