

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE PCT BOARD**

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**SUBJECT: Code of Conduct for NHS Managers**

**FOR DECISION**  **FOR DISCUSSION**  **FOR INFORMATION**

**Summary:**

Following the Kennedy Report a working party chaired by Ken Jarrold CBE was established to set core standards of conduct expected of NHS managers.

The code provides a guide to NHS managers in the work they do and the decisions/choices they have to make. It also provides reassurance to the public that decisions are made against a background of professional standards and accountability.

**Proposal:**

All NHS organisations are required to adopt the code to guide managers in the conduct of their business. They are also requested to include reference to the code in employment contract for managers. It is proposed to extend this to all PCT employees making the adoption of the code universal across the whole of the workforce.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board adopts the Code of Conduct for NHS Managers and extends this across the whole of the workforce.