

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust: Statement on Bribery

The principal purpose of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust as a public benefit corporation is to provide goods and services for the purposes of the National Health Service in England. The Trust also operates as a commercial entity in providing some private healthcare services, education and training, consulting and research. Some such services may operate overseas.

The Trust acknowledges that it must comply with the requirements of the Bribery Act 2010, which makes it a criminal offence to give, promise or offer a bribe (active bribery) and to request, agree to receive, or accept a bribe (passive bribery) and maintain adequate policies and procedures to prevent such offences. The Trust has a zero tolerance stance to bribery and will pursue disciplinary action and/or refer suspected cases to relevant investigatory/prosecutory bodies.

Accordingly, the Trust's anti-bribery policies and procedures are designed to ensure that all of its commercial business, wherever sited, is conducted in an honest and ethical manner by all Trust office holders, employees and persons associated with it in compliance with the statutory requirements. In particular, where the Trust is engaged in commercial activity, no such person will offer or pay any inducement in order to influence any person or organisation to use the Trust's services, to award contracts to the Trust or otherwise benefit the Trust.

The Trust's approach to preventing bribery is set out in more detail in its Counter Fraud and Bribery Policy (<https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-05/counter-fraud-policy.pdf>) and office holders and employees are bound by the Trust's rules on the acceptance of gifts and hospitality and declaration and management of conflicts of interest as set out in the Standards of Business Conduct Policy (<http://gti.gstt.local/services/hr/hr-policies/standards-of-business-conduct.aspx>). Persons associated with the Trust are expected to have appropriate corporate arrangements in place to prevent bribery, as required by the NHS standard contractual conditions.



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