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Chief Executive  
NHS Board

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Dear Chief Executive

**Dispensation under the Model Code of Conduct for NHS Membership of Integration Joint Boards**

The Standards Commission for Scotland has decided to grant a dispensation under the Model Code of Conduct for NHS Board Members who have been appointed to be a member of an Integration Joint Board, which are being established under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This is so members do not have to declare their interest when discussions on general health and social care issues arise and can participate in discussion and voting on these issues. Members will still be required to declare other interests, in terms of Section 5 of the Model Code.

Following consideration of a request, the Standards Commission has also granted a similar dispensation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for voting members of Integration Joint Boards who are councillors.

I would be grateful if you could write to any Board Members who had been nominated to sit on the Integration Joint Boards to advise them of this dispensation. If no Members have been nominated as yet, please advise all Board Members. It would be helpful if you could write to the Standards Commission to confirm that this has been done.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Commission if you have any queries. I look forward to receipt of your confirmation that Board Members have been advised of the dispensation as requested.

Yours sincerely



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