

MY ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

While I have been appointed to the Integration Joint Board to bring valuable knowledge and insight from my lived experience, I have to act in the best interests of the IJB as a whole when contributing to discussions and making decisions. I must act in accordance with the IJB's Code of Conduct and, as such:

I MUST:

- Inform the board about any relevant experiences and the views, perspectives and priorities I hear from carers, service users or third sector organisations. However, when acting as a member of an IJB and attending its meetings, I have a duty to act in its best interests.
- Make decisions at IJB meetings based on the information provided by officers and the matters discussed at the meeting in question.
- Make sure I listen to, and take account of, the views of the other members appointed to the board from different bodies, organisations and sectors when exercising my judgement about the best interest of the IJB.
- If approached, give carers, service users or third sector organisations advice on the correct procedure to follow and who to contact in order to make their views known.
- Identify and declare financial and non-financial interests when required.

I MUST NOT:

- Act solely in the interests of any group, sector, body or organisation from which I am a member or may have been appointed or nominated, when acting as member of the IJB and attending its meetings.
- Make decisions at the IJB based on the instructions, interests or wishes of any other group, sector body or organisation.
- Act as a delegate for any carers, service users or third sector organisations, or lobby on their behalf in respect of a matter to be considered by the IJB, if I am to take part in the decision-making.
- Engage in direct operational management of the IJB (as that is a matter for officers).
- Disclose any confidential information provided to me in my capacity as a member of the IJB.
- Take part in any decision-making at the IJB if I have a personal connection to a matter being considered that amounts to a declarable interest.

The Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies, on which IJBs' Codes are based, can be found at www.standardscommissionscotland.org.uk/codes-of-conduct.