

Code of Conduct

Healthwatch Barnet has a duty to protect the name, brand and reputation of Healthwatch and Inclusion Barnet. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to set the standards of behaviour expected from all Board Members. The following Code of Conduct will be actively monitored and Board Member not complying may be required to step down.

Healthwatch Barnet Board Members must:

- 1. Declare any conflict of interest relevant to their position on the board.
- 2. Behave courteously, professionally and respect the opinion of other members and Healthwatch Barnet staff.
- 3. Be positive in their approach when representing the Healthwatch Barnet board.
- 4. Make every effort to attend 75% of meetings per 12 month period from the date of their appointment otherwise they will be deemed to have resigned unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 5. Share the aims and objectives of Healthwatch and Healthwatch Barnet.
- 6. Maintain strict confidentiality for sensitive data and information shared at the Board.
- 7. Uphold the seven 'Nolan' Principles of public life relating to selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.
- 8. Adhere to principles of equality of opportunity.
- 9. Ensure when representing the views of the Healthwatch Board that they have been endorsed by the Chair.
- 10. Not abuse the position of being a Board Member to promote personal or political views.