

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

1. As part of the 'Partnership Healthcheck' process the 'old Safer Stockton Partnership' undertook a self-assessment, which was subsequently reviewed by the Council's Internal Audit Service, and the sole outstanding issue has been to establish a register of interests of members of the Partnership. Since the merger with the DAT Steering Group became likely, this issue has been held over until a comprehensive approach could be adopted.
2. This is consistent with the 'Nolan principles' on standards of public governance which are incorporated within the Constitution of the Partnership, at Section 9.
3. Attached as Appendix A is the draft letter proposed to be sent to all members of the Partnership, on an annual basis. It is important to note that a representative of one of the funded organisations, such as Council, Police, Fire or Probation, does not need to declare his / her involvement with that organisation – this system is about making explicit any interests which are not already obvious.
4. There are also some funding relationships between partner agencies which are not part of the Partnership's own funding flows. e.g. the Council funds Tristar Homes and Victim Support, the Police fund or support in kind Neighbourhood Watch, etc, and those do not need to be declared.
5. It is RECOMMENDED that members of the Partnership consider the draft material, offer any comments, and agree that the register of interests should now be established.