

## **The Bribery Act 2010**

### **Statement from the chief executive**

The Bribery Act came into force on 1 July 2011. The aim of the act is to tackle bribery and corruption in the public and private sectors.

Lewisham Healthcare NHS Trust welcomes the Act and the Trust Board is keen to ensure compliance. One of the six principles of the Act demands that there is top level commitment in the organisation to the prevention of bribery. The Director of Knowledge, Governance and Communications has been identified as the executive director lead on behalf of the Board.

As a NHS organisation we follow good NHS business practice and have robust controls in place to prevent bribery. Work is also underway to update policies and consolidate initiatives. However, the Trust is not complacent and it is important that all of our employees, contractors and agents comply with Trust policies and procedures, particularly with regard to procurement and also the strict limitations and controls on hospitality, sponsorship and gifts.

On behalf of the Trust I confirm our commitment to ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the prevention of bribery and corruption and that the risk of Trust exposure to acts of bribery is mitigated.

**Tim Higginson**

**Chief Executive**