

# UK Electoral Commission's Conflicts of interest template for investigations

## Conflicts of interests can include but are not restricted to:

- You are, or have been within the last year, a member of any political party or organisation with political objectives of which anyone involved in the case is a member,
- You have been employed by a political party or elected person within the last year involved in this case,
- Anyone involved in this case may be capable of creating a possible effect or the appearance of such an effect on the wellbeing of you, a family member or a close associate,
- You, a family member or a close associate, hold or have held within the last year, with anyone involved in the case:
  - a business or employment relationship, (including shareholding)
  - a landlord or tenant relationship,
  - A contact to provide goods or services

## Definitions

### *A member of your family*

*A member of your family should be given a very wide meaning. It includes a partner (someone you are married to, your civil partner, or someone you live with in a similar capacity), a parent, a parent-in-law, a son or daughter, a stepson or stepdaughter, the child of a partner, a brother or sister, a brother or sister of your partner, a grandparent, a grandchild, an uncle or aunt, a nephew or niece, and the partners of any of these people.*

### *A close associate*

*A person with whom you have a close association is someone who is more than an acquaintance. It is someone a reasonable member of the public might think you would be prepared to favour or disadvantage when discussing a matter that affects them. It may be a friend, a colleague, a business associate or someone whom you know through general social contacts.*

I confirm that I **am not aware** of any current or likely conflict of interest relating to this case which might influence, or be perceived as being capable of influencing, my judgement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Investigator: Date \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I **am not aware** of any current or likely conflict of interest relating to this case which might influence, or be perceived as being capable of influencing, my judgement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (any other person working in case) Date \_\_\_\_\_