

## Research & Audit

### Conflict of Interest Policy

It is important that all reviewers are completely impartial at all stages of the review process.

Mesothelioma UK endeavours to identify conflicts of interest. We will not select reviewers if there is a clear conflict of interest. It is your responsibility to notify us if you feel there is a conflict of interest when we first contact you, as this may not be apparent to us. This conflict will be considered relevant if any of the following circumstances arise for any member of the research team, including lead and co-applicants.

A conflict of interest occurs in the following circumstances:

- a reviewer is a friend, relative or colleague of the applicant
- a reviewer is directly involved in the work that the researcher and their team hope to undertake and seek funding for. Additionally, you may have been asked to assist the applicant or member of the research team in the research design and production of the research application
- the reviewer has collaborated with the applicant in the previous 5 years
- the reviewer is employed in the same host institution or organisation as the applicant
- a reviewer is a Supervisor or Examiner of a PhD student
- a reviewer has also submitted a grant application in the same application round as the applicant
- the reviewer has a commercial or financial interest and will directly or indirectly benefit from the research award

Please complete the conflict-of-interest declaration form below and send this to us via email at [research@mesothelioma.uk.com](mailto:research@mesothelioma.uk.com) as soon as possible, when we initially allocate to you a protocol for review. If you have any concerns or questions, then please do contact us.

### Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Statement

**For use by the Research and Audit Scientific Committee (RASC) members External Reviewers**

The purpose of this document is to identify any potential or actual areas of conflict of interest that you may have which could affect your role as a RASC member or external reviewer. All conflicts of interest are not necessarily prohibited or harmful to an individual's participation on the review panel. However, full disclosure of all actual and potential conflicts is required.

**Applicant organisation**

**Research study title/aim**

HAVE THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO REPORT	YES	NO
I or a member of my family are a friend, relative or colleague of the applicant.		
I am directly involved in the work that the researcher and their team hope to undertake and seek funding for.		
I have been asked to assist the applicant or member of the research team in the research design and production of the research application.		
I have collaborated with the applicant in the previous 5 years.		
I am employed in the same host institution or organisation as the applicant.		
I am a supervisor or examiner of a PhD student involved in this project.		
I have submitted a grant application in the same application round as the applicant.		
I have a commercial or financial interest and will directly or indirectly benefit from the research award.		

If answering 'yes' to any of the above statements, please elaborate on the potential conflict of interest

I hereby confirm that the disclosure made above are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I become aware of any information that might indicate that this disclosure is inaccurate, I will promptly notify the board chair.

**COMPLETED BY****Name****Signature****Date**