

CODES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT REVIEW

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION PUBLISHES CALL FOR EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT GUIDANCE TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ON PRODUCING, EMBEDDING AND REVIEWING A CODE OF CONDUCT

The independent Ethics and Integrity Commission has today launched a call for evidence on codes of ethical conduct. This is to support current work to produce guidance for public authorities to support them in producing and embedding a code of ethical conduct that will meet the expected requirements under the Public Office (Accountability) Bill, or Hillsborough Law, as it is often referred to. EIC Chief Executive Stu Sterling has written a blog on the importance of codes of conduct and the work that the EIC has undertaken.

[Call for Evidence](#)

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- **Media Contact:** For interview requests, or further media enquiries, please contact Joseph Rice at the following address:
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- **About the EIC:** [The Ethics and Integrity Commission](#) (EIC) is an independent body dedicated to upholding and improving ethical standards across public life. The Commission promotes the highest standards in public life, reports to the Prime Minister on matters concerning ethical standards, and advises public authorities on the development of clear codes of conduct with effective oversight arrangements. The Commission is not a regulator and has no remit to investigate individual cases.

- **About the Bill:** The Public Office (Accountability) Bill stems from lessons learned from historic institutional failings, most notably the 1989 Hillsborough disaster, aiming to legally enforce transparency and accountability in public office. The Bill passed the Commons stage on 14 July 2026 and was moved to the Lords where it passed its first reading on 16 July 2026. It is estimated to go back to the Lords on 1 September 2026. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Other work:** In addition to this project, the EIC recently published its first report: [Lobbying, Business Appointment Rules, and Disclosure](#), and is currently carrying out a review of the [public sector ombudsman system](#).
- **Membership:** The current members of the EIC are Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE (Chair), The Rt Hon Lady Mary Arden of Heswall DBE, Ewen Fergusson, Ian Blackford (Scottish National Party), Ruth Dombey OBE (Liberal Democrat), Rt Hon. Michael Tomlinson KC (Conservative), and The Baroness Crawley (Labour), Dr Samuel Power, Nicola Driver, and Dr Katerina Hadjimatheou.
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