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Dear Stuart

Q3 2015/16 monitoring of NHS foundation trusts

Our analysis of your Q3 submissions is now complete. Based on this work, the trust's current ratings are:

- Financial sustainability risk rating: 3
- Governance rating: Green

These ratings will be published on Monitor's website later in March.

The trust has been assigned a 'Green' governance rating.

We note CQC's January 2016 full inspection report that rated the Trust as 'requires improvement' overall, with the majority of services rated by CQC as 'good' and the Trust's community services for children, young people and families rated 'outstanding'. To ensure planned improvements are achieved swiftly we expect the Trust to have appropriate programme management and oversight arrangements for its CQC action plan, in particular to address the issues resulting in the 'requires improvement' ratings for 'safe' and 'effective' domains.

A report on the aggregate performance of all NHS providers (Foundation and NHS trusts) from Q3 2015/16 will be available in due course on our website (in the News, events and publications section), which I hope you will find of interest.

For your information, we will be issuing a press release in due course setting out a summary of the report's key findings.

If you have any queries relating to the above, please contact me by telephone on 020 3747 0481 or by email (Tom.Edgell@Monitor.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Edgell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Edgell
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cc: Mr Martin Howell, Chair,
Mr Mike McEnaney, Director of Finance