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Dear Lorraine

Q3 2014/15 monitoring of NHS foundation trusts

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

- Continuity of services risk rating - 3
- Governance risk rating - Green

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

The Trust has been assigned a Green governance risk rating but has failed to meet the following targets:

- A&E Clinical Quality- Total Time in A&E under 4 hours

Monitor uses the above targets (amongst others) as indicators to assess the quality of governance at foundation trusts. A failure by a foundation trust to achieve the targets applicable to it could indicate that the Trust is providing health care services in breach of its licence. Accordingly, in such circumstances, Monitor could consider whether to take any regulatory action under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, taking into account as appropriate its published guidance on the licence and enforcement action including its Enforcement Guidance¹ and the Risk Assessment Framework².

We expect the Trust to address the issues leading to the target failures and achieve sustainable compliance with the targets promptly. Monitor does not intend to take any further action at this stage, however should these issues not be addressed promptly and effectively, or should any other relevant circumstances arise, it will consider what if any further regulatory action may be appropriate.

¹ www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/node/2622

² www.monitor.gov.uk/raf

A report on the FT sector aggregate performance from Q3 2014/15 is now available on our website¹ which I hope you will find of interest.

We have also issued a press release² setting out a summary of the key findings across the FT sector from the Q3 monitoring cycle.

If you have any queries relating to the above, please contact me by telephone on 020 3747 0715 or by email (Edmund.King@monitor.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. King', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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cc: Mr Peter Davidson, Chair
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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-foundation-trusts-quarterly-performance-report-quarter-3-201415>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-foundation-trusts-tackle-rising-patient-demand>

