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Dear Ms Howell

Application for NHS foundation trust status

I am pleased to inform you that Monitor has reviewed your trust's application for authorisation to become an NHS foundation trust, and is satisfied that it meets the relevant criteria.

Accordingly, I enclose your trust's Authorisation as an NHS foundation trust and your trust's constitution as well as your trust's NHS Provider Licence (the "Licence"). Please review the Licence carefully. For the avoidance of doubt, this letter does not form part of the Authorisation, or the Licence.

As a consequence of receiving your Authorisation, from (and including) 1st May 2016 your trust ceases to be an NHS trust and is an NHS foundation trust. The trust's NHS trust order made under section 25(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (the "2006 Act") is hereby revoked. Authorisation as an NHS foundation trust does not affect the continuity of the body or of its property or liabilities (including criminal liabilities).

NHS foundation trusts must be familiar and up-to-date with the obligations imposed under the 2006 Act, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Licence, and with Monitor guidance, manuals and published best practice. These documents are available on our website: <https://improvement.nhs.uk/>.

NHS Improvement may take action against an NHS foundation trust if the NHS foundation trust is in breach of its Licence conditions.

Finally, congratulations on achieving NHS foundation trust status. If we can assist you in respect of any of the matters addressed in this letter or in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Yours sincerely



Ed Smith
Chairman

cc: Lyn Simpson – Executive Regional Managing Director (North)