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Subject: CQC, Regulation 5 Fit and Proper Persons (FPPR) and Ms Paula Vasco-Knight

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To David Behan Chief Executive CQC 23 April 2016

Dear Mr Behan,

CQC, Regulation 5 Fit and Proper Persons (FPPR) and Ms Paula Vasco-Knight

I raised a concern with CQC on 12 October 2015 about Ms Vasco-Knight's appointment to an NHS board position at St. George's and Fit and Proper Person issues.

Apart from an indication by CQC on 27 October 2015 informing me that it would deal with this referral, and despite my writing to Professor Sir Mike Richards two months ago (as below) and this reminder being acknowledged by CQC, I have not received an update.

Please could CQC advise what action it has taken in this matter since 12 October 2015, and what efforts it has made to determine whether St. George's

- i) Applied an appropriate FPPT process;
- ii) Came to a reasonable conclusion about whether Ms Vasco-Knight is a Fit and Proper Person based on the evidence that it gathered.

I am in fact advised by the trust that CQC considers the trust has followed a satisfactory process, but I would be grateful to hear from CQC itself. Six months is a long time for there to be no transparency or accountability regarding CQC's FPPR process, especially as Ms Vasco-Knight has now been promoted to Acting Chief Executive at St. George's.

If the information from the trust is correct, I would be grateful if you would also advise *when* CQC completed its examination of the FPPR issues relating to Ms Vasco-Knight's appointment.

I note from the trust that both staff and governors at the trust expressed concerns about Ms Vasco-Knight's appointment as interim COO by St. Georges.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Minh Alexander

cc Health Committee

Sir Robert Francis

Ms Clare Sardari

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