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Dear Dr Alexander,

Further to your request for information received on 3 February 2019 and allocated reference 2019-4495 please find below our response.

Questions and Responses

Appointment of Dame Jo Williams to Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust board

1. On how many occasions has the trust checked that Dame Jo Williams is a Fit and Proper Person under regulation 5 to hold an NHS trust board position? Please advise of the dates.

Three occasions: October 2016, May 2017, February 2019

2. Upon what evidence has the trust relied to determine that Dame Jo Williams is a Fit and Proper Person under regulation 5? Please include in your reply an indication of the types of evidence relied upon by the trust. For example, did the trust rely on

- a reference(s) from the CQC or any past CQC officials
- a reference(s) from the Department of Health and Social Care or any past ministers or officials
- a reference(s) from NHS Improvement
- a reference (s) from current or former NHS board members

- **Reference from past Department of Health official/current chair of a health Think Tank**
- **Letter from past Minister**
- **Reference from University Vice Chancellor**
- **Reference from current NHS Board chair**

3. Please give details of all specific portfolios, committee positions, projects undertaken or special duties held by Dame Jo Williams as a NED of Alder Hey since her appointment in 2016.

Dame Jo has been a member of the Clinical Quality Assurance Committee, heard a Board level grievance appeal, attended meetings of the Resources and Business Development Committee and attended numerous Quality Assurance Rounds.

4. Please advise if the trust has received complaints about Dame Jo Williams'

- i. appointment as a trust NED **None**
- ii. appointment as trust Chair **None**

If so, please disclose the number of complaints.

Please advise if trust staff or governors have raised objections to her appointment either as NED or Chair.

No objections have been raised by staff or governors

If you have any queries about this response or wish to discuss your request further please contact the Information Governance team.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may request an internal review.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Team

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