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**Care Quality Commission  
Health and Social Care Act 2008  
Regulation 5: Fit and Proper Persons Requirement (FPPR)**

Provider name: Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

Dear Dr Alexander,

Following our review of the information you submitted under Regulation 5, we are now writing to inform you of our conclusions.

We firstly considered whether the information you provided was of sufficient concern to require us to ask the relevant registered provider to review it. That decision depends partly on whether objective supporting information is provided, and whether this can be directly related to the directors in question.

In the case of the information you supplied about Dr John Knighton, we came to the view that this should be passed on to his current CEO for consideration.

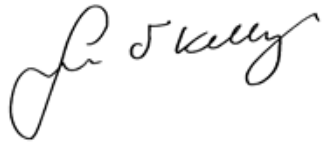
We shared the information that you supplied to CQC with the registered provider. We asked them to consider this information and tell us about their processes for providing assurance that their directors are fit and proper.

The information that we subsequently received from the CEO satisfied CQC that the information of concern has been looked into and that the registered provider has provided evidence in respect of the individual to demonstrate their compliance with Regulation 5.

This concluded our review of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust processes, which we feel currently meet the standards required under Regulation 5. We have informed the registered provider of this, but also that we reserve the right to review the case if further information is presented to CQC.

We have updated our systems and the local inspection team accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr Sean O'Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'O'.

**Dr Sean O'Kelly**  
**Chief Inspector of Hospitals**