Dear Martin

Quality governance

In connection with the application of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust for NHS foundation trust status, the Trust’s Board of Directors confirms that:

- The Board is satisfied that, to the best of its knowledge and using its own processes (supported by Care Quality Commission information and including any further metrics it chooses to adopt), the Trust has, and will keep in place, effective leadership arrangements for the purpose of monitoring and continually improving the quality of health care provided to its patients, including:
  - Ensuring required standards are achieved (internal and external)
  - Investigating and taking action on substandard performance
  - Planning and managing continuous improvement
  - Identifying, sharing and ensuring delivery of best practice
  - Identifying and managing risks to quality of care

- This encompasses an assurance that due consideration has been given to the quality implications of future plans (including service redesigns, service developments and cost improvement plans) and that processes are in place to monitor their ongoing impact on quality and take subsequent action as necessary to ensure quality is maintained.

The basis of the Board’s confirmation is set out in the attached Board memorandum which formed part of paper TB2015.61, considered by the Board on 13th May 2015.
Signed for and on behalf of the Board:

Sir Jonathan Michael FRCP
Chief Executive
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust