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*Dear Andrew.*

### **Recognition of excellent sustainability reporting**

I am delighted to let you know that your organisation has been recognised as having excellent sustainability reporting in 2015-16 by NHS Improvement, the Health Finance Managers Association (HFMA) and the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) for NHS England and Public Health England.

The SDU conducted an analysis of all provider and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCGs) annual reports to evaluate sustainability sections. Forty trusts and forty CCGs have been selected for recognition from 450 organisations across England.

This is timely as you will be aware that NHS Sustainability Day occurs on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March where many NHS organisations across England are celebrating their own progress with some sort of staff event. We have written to your sustainability lead to let them know of this achievement and encouraged them to raise awareness of your organisation's achievement as part of activities on the day.

Excellent sustainability reporting is recognised as helping to demonstrate good use of resources, mitigating negative environmental impacts and maximising positive impact locally for patients and public health. The SDU has worked with DH and NHS Improvement to ensure that there is a consistent mandate across all health sector organisations to report on sustainability with the expectation to meet the criteria published by the SDU (see [www.sduhealth.org.uk/EXSR](http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/EXSR)).

Thank you again for your support to help create a fair, sustainable and affordable health and care system. I am sure you appreciate that we need the efforts and commitment of every leader at every level to create a sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr David Pencheon  
Director, Sustainable Development Unit (SDU)

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*Health and high quality care for all, now and for future generations*