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Dear Colleagues,

Good news. This week we have had confirmation from the Secretary of State for Health that he will support our application to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

This means we have passed the second stage in our transition to become an NHS Foundation Trust and will now be assessed by Monitor – the independent regulator of all NHS Foundation Trusts.

Getting to the third and final stage of the NHS Foundation Trust authorisation process is a major achievement and recognition of the significant progress we have made in recent months.

The Department of Health has recognised our work to improve the quality and safety of our care and the fact that we have improved our financial position.

The Monitor assessment will quite rightly be rigorous, however if we can maintain the continuous improvements in patient care and performance then we can be confident of becoming an NHS Foundation Trust in 2013.

Today you can be proud of the part you have played in getting Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust to this point, and we want to thank you for everything you do every day for our patients.

Let us now pass the final Monitor assessment with flying colours and create an organisation in charge of its own destiny, led by our clinicians and more responsive to the local community we serve.

With kind regards,



Martin Watts
Chairman



Lezli Boswell
Chief Executive