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Dear Mr Oliver,

**Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Review of Mid Cheshire NHS Trust Quality Account 2018/19**

As Chairman of the Committee I am writing to submit its statement to be included – if possible at this stage – in East Cheshire NHS Trust's Quality Account 2018/19 following its meeting on 13 June 2019. Please include the information below in the Committee's section of the Quality Account.

The Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the draft Quality Account at its meeting on 13 June 2019. Overall the Committee was pleased with the content of the Quality Account and believes it provides a good picture of the performance of the Trust.

The Committee agreed with the comments made by the Trust's Deputy Director of Nursing that one of the most significant challenges and risks to the performance of this Trust, as with any other in the country, is workforce stability. The Committee was pleased that the Trust was being proactive in trying to minimise this risk and ensure a sustainable workforce for the future by seeking to recruit internationally and through return to practice programmes.

The Committee was also pleased to see the Quality Account specifically refer to the various learning disability outcomes that the Trust had achieved in 2018/19, and that the Trust had established a Learning Disability Group, which meets on a monthly basis with key partners.

The Committee wished to pass on a formal recording of thanks to the Trust's former Chief Executive Officer, Tracy Bullock, and looks forward to meeting with the new chief officer and hearing about their vision for the future of the Trust.

Thank you again for your attendance at our meeting on 13 June 2019, and I hope the comments above are well received by the Trust. If you have any comments or questions about the Committee's submission please contact Joel Hammond-Gant on the address provided.

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Yours Sincerely

Councillor Stewart Gardiner
Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee