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Dear Mr Barclay

Re: Kirkup Review of Liverpool Community Health Trust

Thank you for your letters of 20th February 2018 addressed to the Chief Executives of NHS Improvement, NHS England and the Care Quality Commission, and separately to the Chairs of NHS Improvement and NHS England. As the lead director for prison health, I have been asked to respond on NHS England's behalf.

First, I can confirm that healthcare in HMP Liverpool is currently undergoing significant review, with additional funding being made available. A health improvement board has been initiated jointly with the new governor of HMP Liverpool and the healthcare services are in the process of being re-procured to new service specifications using an updated Health Needs Assessment. Working with the governor, the NHS has developed detailed improvement plans as well as enhanced systems for reporting and quality monitoring. Joint governance arrangements have been formalised with the prison management to oversee this work. Additionally, work is ongoing to ensure continuity of care into and out of the prison, including working with liaison and diversion services and community health services.

Secondly, I can confirm that NHS England was not the employer of any individuals for whom disciplinary action may have been considered appropriate, and was not involved as far as we are aware in the facilitated departures of the senior staff involved. While in February 2016 the former finance director at LCH was appointed to middle management in our finance department this was following normal open recruitment processes. If the further enquiry which NHS I have now initiated produces material relevant to this employment we will of course take action as appropriate.

Thirdly, we are working with NHS Improvement and CQC on other recommendations that require a wider system response. In respect to your point regarding the level of efficiencies required of NHS organisations that of course arises from the

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Government's funding settlement available to the NHS and the minimum efficiency figure which DHSC specifies in its Annual Mandate to NHS England.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Davies', with a small horizontal line underneath.

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