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Dear Mr Flory,

Patient Safety - Request for WAHT Board to be immediately replaced,

Due to the way the three yearlong review has been handled and the events that have taken place at the Trust this year I have been increasingly worried about the future of the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch.

Yesterday WAHT finally published the resignation letter of the four A&E Consultants from the Alex – it took 26 days of calls for the Trust to be open and transparent about the reason they left. Upon reading this I have grave concerns for patient safety and request NTDA to appoint a new board immediately in order for the Alex to be turned around before an unnecessary incident occurs. The Trust have had two weeks to formulate a response to the resignation letter and I am completely and utterly astounded at their reply, not least that there is no response from the head of the Trust.

In addition the independent management view on the Trust from Gary Walker, former NHS Trust Chief Executive was released yesterday and confirmed that in his opinion the Board should be replaced.

I enclose a copy of my email to the CQC which I sent at the end of last month as I already have concerns over patient safety. May I repeat Mr Flory, local people want and deserve safe and accessible services in Redditch and the longer it takes for overseeing bodies to act the greater the risks are for local people and not to mention the staff at WAHT.

Thank you for your time so far. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Cllr Blake

Thank you for your letter dated 12 March 2015 requesting that the Trust Board at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust be immediately replaced.

The NHS TDA is working closely with the management team of the Trust, and indeed I met with the full Board just last week. Recognising the serious nature of the issues arising from the resignation of the ED consultants, it has been critical at this moment to support the Trust Board to take the necessary actions to ensure they can continue to deliver continuity of services to the patients of Worcester and Redditch; this is my primary concern.

I recognise anxieties about the sustainability of services in the local area and while Mr Walker's review is of interest the publication of the recommendations for the future configuration of services in the area by the local Clinical Commissioning Groups will, I hope, help to create a healthy debate about the options for the future of health services in Worcester and Redditch when it is published.

In the meantime, as you will be aware, I have asked the Good Governance Institute to undertake an immediate review to understand whether there are any issues relating to bullying and harassment at the Trust. We would, of course, take any appropriate action once that review is concluded.

To conclude, my priority is ensuring that there is a continuity of service delivered whilst the configuration of services is determined by local CCGs and it is my judgement that that aim is best achieved by working closely with the Board and Management Team at the Trust.

Yours sincerely



David Flory
Chief Executive