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Dear Steve,

Southern Health and Social Care Trust: 2025-26 draft Report to those Charged with Governance

I have attached a draft Report to those charged with Governance setting out the provisional findings from our audit of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Key Messages section in the report outlines the current status of the audit.

Following finalisation of the audits and receipt of management comments to the issue identified in our report, we will issue the report to you in final form. If you have any queries on the matters raised in the Report to those charged with Governance, I would be happy to discuss them with you if you would find that helpful.

You will appreciate that our work, which was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs), is designed primarily for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements and included only a limited review of your accounting systems and procedures. Therefore, our work may not have brought to light all the weaknesses that may exist, and our findings should not be seen as comprehensive in this respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the assistance and co-operation received throughout the audit. I would be grateful if the report was tabled at the upcoming Audit and Risk Assurance Committee where we would be happy to present its contents.

Yours sincerely



Tomas Wilkinson
Director