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Dear Maria,

**Southern Health and Social Care Trust: 2022-23 Report to those Charged with Governance**

The audit of the Trust's 2022-23 accounts has been completed. The Report which accompanies this letter sets out the results and issues that arose during the audit. These matters have previously been communicated to the Trust in draft form and discussed at the Audit Committee.

All points raised have been considered by Trust staff and management responses have been included. Trust staff provided details of when recommendations will be implemented.

Our normal audit procedures are designed primarily to form an opinion on the accounts. Consequently, our work did not involve a detailed review of all systems operating and cannot be regarded as a statement of all weaknesses that exist or of all improvements that might be made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff of the Trust for your assistance to ASM and ourselves during the audit.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that the Report and this letter are tabled at the next meeting of the Trust's Audit Committee.

I have copied this letter and its attachment to Mr May at the Department.

*Yours sincerely,*



**Colette Kane**  
Director

Cc Peter May, Department of Health