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Dear Maria,

**SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST – 2023-24 REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

The audit of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust’s 2023-24 accounts is now complete. I attach the Report to those Charged with Governance which sets out the findings from our audit.

You will appreciate that our work, which was conducted to Auditing Practice Board’s standards, is designed primarily to form an opinion on the financial statements and includes only a limited review of your accounting systems and procedures. Therefore our work may not have brought to light all weaknesses that exist, and our findings should not be seen as comprehensive in this respect.

This report was issued to you previously in draft and tabled at the last Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting, however to close things off this final version should be brought back to the committee.

Please note this final report has been updated to include the result from the Charitable Trust Fund audit.

Thanks again to you and your staff for co-operation and assistance throughout the audit.

*Kind regards,*



**Colette Kane**  
*Director*