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To the Members of the Governing Body of NHS South Reading Clinical Commissioning Group

Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

We are pleased to submit our annual audit letter which summarises our 2016/17 audit for NHS South Reading CCG ("the CCG"). It summarises the key issues arising from our 2016/17 audit at the CCG. Although this letter is addressed to the Members of the Governing Body of the CCG it is also intended to communicate the issues arising from the audit of the CCG to external stakeholders, such as members of the public. It is the responsibility of the CCG to publish this letter on the CCG's website. A copy of this Letter will be published on the PSAA's website at <http://www.psaa.co.uk/audit-reports/annual-audit-letters/>

Scope of our 2016/17 audit

The statutory responsibilities and powers of appointed auditors, applicable to 2016/17 audits, are set out in the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014. Our main responsibility is to carry out an audit that meets the requirements of the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice ("the Code").

On the 18 May we presented our *ISA 260 Audit Highlights Memorandum* to the Joint Audit Committee which summarised our conclusions from the 2016/17 audit and outlined our auditor responsibilities under statute and the Code. Following the presentation of our ISA 260 report to the Audit Committee we have:

- issued an unqualified regularity opinion and opinion on the CCG's 2016/17 financial statements on 30 May, meeting the Department of Health's deadline of 31 May; and
- concluded that there were no matters arising from our use of resources work that we need to report for the year ending 31 March 2017.

Public Interest Reporting

We have a responsibility to consider whether there is a need to issue a public interest report or whether there are any issues which require referral to the Secretary of State. There were no matters in the public interest that we needed to report or refer to the Secretary of State in 2016/17.

Key findings

We are pleased to report that there were no high risk recommendations arising from our 2016/17 audit work.

Fees

Our final fee for the 2016/17 external audit was £48,548 excluding VAT. This was above the fee agreed at the start of the year with the CCG's Joint Audit Committee and is as a result of the additional work required this year on the new primary care co-commissioning transactions. The variation from the initial fee of £46,350 communicated at the start of the year is subject to final determination by the PSAA.

We did not provide any non-audit services or other audit related services in 2016/17.

Closing remarks

We have discussed and agreed this letter with the Acting Chief Finance Officer of the CCG and confirmed that all Members of the Governing Body of the CCG have received a copy. We would like to thank the finance team, the chief officers and the Audit Committee for their support and cooperation throughout the 2016/17 audit.

Yours sincerely



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