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#### **Dear Sirs**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Funds ("the Charity"), for the year ended 31 March 2012, for the purpose of expressing an opinion:

- as to whether these financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year then ended;
- ii. whether the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- iii. whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

These financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2012, the statement of financial activities for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The Trustees confirm that the representations they make in this letter are in accordance with the definitions set out in the Appendix to this letter.

The Trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as it considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing themselves:

#### **Financial statements**

- 1. The Trustees have fulfilled their responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated 10 May 2012, for the preparation of financial statements that:
  - give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at the end of its financial year and of its surplus or deficit for that financial year;
  - have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
  - have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. Measurement methods and significant assumptions used by the Trustees in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

- 3. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which FRS 21 Events after the balance sheet date requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 4. No unadjusted audit misstatements have been identified that would require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements.

# Information provided

- 5. The Trustees have provided you with:
  - access to all information of which they are aware, that is relevant to the preparation
    of the financial statements, such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - additional information that you have requested from the Trustees for the purpose of the audit; and
  - unrestricted access to persons within the Charity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 6. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 7. The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for such internal control as it determines necessary for the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In particular, the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

The Trustees have disclosed to you the results of their assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

Included in the Appendix to this letter are the definitions of fraud, including misstatements arising from fraudulent financial reporting and from misappropriation of assets.

- 8. The Trustees have disclosed to you all information in relation to:
  - (a) Fraud or suspected fraud that it is aware of and that affects the Charity and involves:
    - management;
    - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
    - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;
       and
  - (b) allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Charity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 9. The Trustees have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. Further, the Trustees have disclosed to you and have appropriately accounted for and/or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

10. The Trustees have disclosed to you the identity of the Charity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which it is aware and all related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with FRS 8 *Related party disclosures*.

Included in the Appendix to this letter are the definitions of both a related party and a related party transaction as the Trustees understand them and as defined in FRS 8.

## 11. The Trustees confirm that:

- (a) The financial statements disclose all of the key risk factors, assumptions made and uncertainties surrounding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as required to provide a true and fair view.
- (b) Any uncertainties disclosed are not considered to be material and therefore do not cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern.

This letter was tabled and agreed at the meeting of the Trustees on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Joe Liddane Chairman Yi Mien Koh Chief Executive

cc: Audit Committee

# Appendix A to the Trustees' Representation Letter of the Whittington Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Funds: Definitions

#### **Financial Statements**

A complete set of financial statements comprises:

- a balance sheet as at the end of the period:
- a statement of financial activities for the period;
- notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## **Material Matters**

Material omissions or misstatements of items are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the economic decisions that users make on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the size and nature of the omission or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances. The size or nature of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor.

#### Fraud

Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users.

Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets. It is often accompanied by false or misleading records or documents in order to conceal the fact that the assets are missing or have been pledged without proper authorisation.

#### **Error**

An error is an unintentional misstatement in financial statements, including the omission of an amount or a disclosure.

## Management

For the purposes of this letter, references to "management" should be read as "management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance".

## Related party

A party is related to an entity if:

- (a) directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, the party:
  - (i) controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the entity (this includes parents, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries);
  - (ii) has an interest in the entity that gives it significant influence over the entity; or
  - (iii) has joint control over the entity;
- (b) the party is an associate (as defined in FRS 9 Associates and Joint Ventures) of the entity;
- (c) the party is a joint venture in which the entity is a venturer (as defined in FRS 9 Associates and Joint Ventures);

- (d) the party is a member of the key management personnel of the entity or its parent;
- (e) the party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in subparagraph (a) or (d);
- (f) the party is an entity that is controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by, or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any individual referred to in (d) or (e); or
- (g) the party is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of the entity, or of any entity that is a related party of the entity.

# **Related party transaction**

A transfer of assets, or liabilities or the performance of services by, to or for a related party irrespective of whether a price is charged.