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De Andrew,

- (i) **PATIENT OUTCOME STATISTICS IN ENGLAND**
- (ii) **STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE ACT 2007: REQUEST TO UNDERTAKE ASSESSMENTS UNDER SECTION 12**

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 2014, enclosing your Monitoring Review of Patient Outcome Statistics in England. I am grateful for this contribution to the Government's ongoing work to make the NHS more open and accountable, and to drive improvements in the information available to patients and other data users.

I note that your review represents a response to Recommendations 270 and 271 of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry – to make patient outcome statistics more readily useable by the public, and to establish the national or official statistics status of summary hospital-level mortality indicators (SHMI). I note also that you recommend SHMI and a range of patient outcome statistics are assessed by you against the Statistics Code, and that you recommend the producers of patient outcome statistics take improvement actions.

In respect of your assessment recommendation, I formally request under S12 of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 that you assess the statistics listed in paragraph 8 of your report, namely:

- *NHS Outcomes Framework; quarterly update*¹
- *Summary Hospital-level Mortality Indicator (SHMI)*²
- *Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in England*³

¹ <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/nhsf>

² <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/SHMI>

- *NHS Safety Thermometer: Patient Harms and Harm Free Care*⁴
- *Friends and Family Test*⁵ (FFT)
- *Patient Experience Survey statistics*⁶
- *National Reporting and Learning System Quarterly Data Workbook*⁷

To ensure these assessments can be managed alongside core business, and to maximise their effectiveness and use of constrained resources, I would be grateful if my officials and your Monitoring and Assessment Team can liaise in order to agree timing.

As you state, the above statistics are produced by the Health and Social Care Information Centre, by NHS England, and by the Care Quality Commission, and you copied your letter accordingly to the Chief Executives of these bodies. Your other recommendations also covered these bodies and I am aware that they are each considering the detail of your report. I envisage they will liaise with my officials and with each other as they develop their responses, as I acknowledge the common theme of making data more accessible.

I am copying this letter to the copy list in your original letter.



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³ <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/proms>

⁴ <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/thermometer>

⁵ <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/category/statistics/fft/>

⁶ <http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/reports-surveys-and-reviews/surveys>

⁷ <http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/collections/quarterly-data-summaries/?entryid45=135153>