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**Director General for Regulation**

Ian Trenholm  
Chief Executive  
Care Quality Commission  
(By email)

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Dear Ian

I recently contacted you regarding analysis that your organisation had conducted for the Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, which formed the basis for his statements around the number of patients in 'good' or 'outstanding' hospitals.

I welcome [CQC's publication](#) of this analysis on your website, following my approach to you. In doing so, you have ensured open and equal access for all to the analysis provided to Mr Hunt.

As you are aware, one of our roles is to ensure that statistics and data are used appropriately in public debate. This includes ensuring that significant statements made are verifiable and replicable by the public.

I am copying this letter to Full Fact, who have referred to the CQC analysis as part of their fact-checking work.

Your sincerely



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Director General for Regulation