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Dear CQC Inspector,

Trafford Council's Health Scrutiny Committee has had a lot of contact with UHSM in the last year mainly in relation to the developments of the New Health Deal for Trafford. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee representing Manchester and Trafford Councils was set up specifically to look at the New Health Deal for Trafford and you can view the minutes of those meetings at

<https://democratic.trafford.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=139&Year=0>. When looking through the minutes you will notice that UHSM has an excellent record of attendance at these meetings and always responds quickly to the requests made by the Committee which is a good reflection of our overall impression of the organisation.

Whilst there have been a number of issues brought to our attention relating to UHSM they are always the first to inform us. In the last year there has been concern over the number of delayed discharges at Wythenshawe Hospital. UHSM has worked closely with Trafford Council's Adult Social Care services in order to identify the cause of this problem and to formulate solutions. This issue has led to the Health Scrutiny Committee setting up a task and finish group to try to identify the cause. UHSM have been exemplary in their conduct and communications with this group; they are prompt when responding to requests for information or the availability of officers to arrange meetings.

It is because of their continued excellent attitude towards scrutiny combined with the high levels of praise received from our constituents, and the exceptional care that members of the committee have received at Wythenshawe hospital, that the Committee backed them so steadfastly during their bid to be one of the single shared service hospitals as part of Healthier Together.

If you would like further details of Trafford Health Scrutiny Committee's contact with UHSM please contact Alexander Murray [alexander.murray@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:alexander.murray@trafford.gov.uk) who can provide you with all records of meetings and feedback in relation to the trust.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Judith Lloyd,  
Chairman of Trafford Council Health Scrutiny Committee