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Private and Confidential
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Dear Mr Simblet,

Ms Luciana Antonia Gianfrancesco (RIP)

I write to set out the Trust's formal response to the report made under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, dated 2nd July 2026 in respect of the above, which was issued following the adjournment of the above inquest into the death of Ms Gianfrancesco.

I would like to begin by extending my deepest condolences to Ms Gianfrancesco's family. The Trust sympathises with their sad loss.

The matters of concern as noted within the Regulation 28 Report have been carefully reviewed and noted.

We note the concerns listed under part 10 of the Regulation 28 Report, specifically relate to Princess Alexander Hospital (PAH). It remains our respectful submission that the responsibility for undertaking the required mental capacity assessments rested with the treating clinical team at Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) in relation to Ms Gianfrancesco's care.

In light of the concerns in this Regulation 28 Report relating to PAH, we respectfully ask the Court to consider removing EPUT as a named recipient to this Report.

Notwithstanding the above, we acknowledge your concerns. The Trust remains committed to supporting and working collaboratively with PAH in relation to our shared objective to support safe person centred care.

We would be pleased to provide you with any further information as required.

The Trust will continue to consider findings arising from the inquest and any subsequent learning, ensuring relevant lessons are reflected within our patient safety arrangements.

We understand that a copy of this reply will be shared with the family.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Chief People Officer / Deputy Chief Executive