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PRESS RELEASE

Trust welcomes Monitor investigation

The foundation trust regulator Monitor has announced it has opened an investigation into our compliance with our licence.

We share their concerns around our deteriorating financial performance and the difficulties we have faced to meet the national Accident and Emergency (A&E) target.

We welcome Monitor's support around our action plan to treat, admit or discharge emergency patients within four hours of arrival at A&E, and around our financial plans to bring the books back into balance by 2015/16 and go towards our future financial sustainability.

However, we would like to reassure patients that Monitor's concerns are around performance targets and financial position; they are not about patient safety.

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