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## **Re: NHS Direct Public Consultation on application to become an NHS Foundation Trust**

I write on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to respond to the above consultation document.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) is the professional and regulatory body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. It also regulates pharmacy technicians on a voluntary basis, which is expected to become statutory under anticipated legislation.

The primary objectives of the Society are to lead, regulate, develop and represent the profession of pharmacy.

The Society leads and supports the development of the profession within the context of the public benefit. This includes the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. In addition, it promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

The Society has responsibility for a wide range of functions that combine to assure competence and fitness to practise. These include controlled entry into the profession, education, registration, setting and enforcing professional standards, promoting good practice, providing support for improvement, dealing with poor performance, dealing with misconduct and removal from the register.

Re: Question 7, page 9 - the RPSGB believes that pharmacy should be represented on the proposed list of stakeholder governors.

We hope these comments are helpful.

Thank you for consulting the Society.

Yours sincerely,

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