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UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS AWARDED TOP SCORES IN 2007/08 ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK

The Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check, released today, has once again demonstrated that University Hospital Trusts are the best places to receive top quality care, after scoring highly during the assessment for the third consecutive year. The Healthcare Commission scores Trusts against a variety of indicators including safety, waiting times, infection control and health outcomes, awarding 'excellent', 'good', 'fair' or 'weak' ratings based on performance of the key areas (Healthcare Commission, 2008).

82% of the English member Trusts of the Association of UK University Hospitals (AUKUH) achieved an 'excellent' or 'good' rating for 'Quality of Service' and a rating of 76% for 'Use of Resources', compared with the national averages of 76% and 60% retrospectively. For the third year running seven Trusts have maintained a top rating in either quality of service or use of resources.

Ron Kerr, Chairman of AUKUH and Chief Executive at Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is delighted with the results this year. 'The consistently high scores awarded to AUKUH English member Trusts reflects the high quality teaching and research and patient care provided in these institutions. It is fantastic that their work has been recognised.'

Notes to Editors:

1. The AUKUH is the key leadership body across the UK promoting the unique interests of University hospitals. Its role is to represent the unique tripartite - service, teaching and research - interests of UK University Hospital Trusts in partnership with other national bodies. For further information about the work of AUKUH please see: www.aukuh.org.uk
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3. The full Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check can be found at:
<http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/homepage.cfm>

Appendix: Quality of Service – October 2008

	% of English Association of UK University Hospital Members	National Average
EXCELLENT	37%	28%
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust The Christie NHS Foundation Trust The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust		
GOOD	45%	47%
Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust Guy's & St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust St George's Healthcare NHS Trust, London The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust		
FAIR	16%	20%
Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Barts & The London NHS Trust Central Manchester & Manchester Children's University Hospitals NHS Trust King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust		
WEAK	3%	5%
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust		