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UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS SCORE TOP MARKS FOR QUALITY

The Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check has demonstrated unequivocally that University Hospital Trusts are the places to go for top quality care. 76% of the English member Trusts of the Association of UK University Hospitals were rated excellent or good in terms of the quality of care patients received – compared with a national average of only 40%. **END**

Notes to Editors

1. The Association of UK University Hospitals (AUKUH) is the key leadership body across the UK representing the unique interests of University hospitals. These hospitals not only treat patients but also conduct research and have an important role in educating healthcare professionals. AUKUH members work in partnership with Medical Schools and other national bodies. The high calibre teaching and research conducted within these institutions allows the quality of care provided to the patients they treat to be at the forefront of best practice throughout the World.
2. AUKUH is chaired by Sir Jonathan Michael, CEO, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The Executive Director is Dr Katie Petty-Saphon. If you have any further questions Dr Petty-Saphon can be contacted at admin@aukuh.org.uk or on 020 7419 5494.

Appendix: Quality of Services - October 2006

	% of English Association of UK University Hospital Members	National Average
EXCELLENT	10%	4%
Barts & The London NHS Trust Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust		
GOOD	66%	36%
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Central Manchester & Manchester Children's University Hospitals NHS Trust Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust, London King's College Hospital NHS Trust, London Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust South Manchester University Hospitals NHS Trust St George's Healthcare Trust, London St Mary's NHS Trust, London The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen UniversityHospitals NHS Trust United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust University College London NHS Foundation Trust University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust		
FAIR	23%	51%
Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust Royal Devon & Exeter Healthcare Foundation Trust Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust		
WEAK	3%	9%
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust		