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From the Chief Executive: Stuart Bain

Dear Colleague

Care Quality Commission Registration Requirements

As you will be aware, all providers of health and adult services will be required to be registered with the Care Quality Commission and demonstrate compliance with regulations made under the Health and Social Care Act.

As an NHS Acute Trust, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust will be required to submit its application for registration during January 2010, with registration taking effect from April 2010.

I understand that the CQC will have already been in contact with you, inviting you to comment and provide feedback on our services. Ahead of this, we would like the opportunity to inform you about our approach to the self assessment against the new registration requirements and for you to offer feedback before we register.

Should you wish, I or another senior member of our Trust would be willing to attend one of your meetings and discuss the requirements and listen to your views on these aspects of our service provision. Please contact Julie Pearce, our Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Quality, through her Assistant gilly.dore@ekht.nhs.uk or on 01227 866380.

If you would wish to make your views known in any other way, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Bain
Chief Executive