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Press release

Chelsea and Westminster is 'Excellent' in NHS performance ratings

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has achieved a double 'Excellent' rating in the NHS annual performance ratings published today.

Thanks to the hard work and expertise of our staff, the Trust has been rated 'Excellent' by the Care Quality Commission for the quality of both the services provided for patients and its financial management.

Only 37 out of 392 NHS trusts in England (9 out of 73 NHS trusts in London) achieved a double 'Excellent' rating which means we are ranked among the top 9% of NHS trusts in England and among the top 12% of NHS trusts in London.

NHS Chief Executive, David Nicholson, and Care Quality Commission Chairman, Barbara Young, have singled us out among 41 NHS trusts nationally that have performed strongly in the performance ratings for the last 2 years.

In a letter sent to Heather Lawrence, Chief Executive of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, they said: "We would like to congratulate everyone in your Trust on your performance in the NHS ratings for 2008/09.

"This assessment has shown that your Trust has sustained high levels of performance throughout 2008/09 across a broad range of standards and indicators covering issues that patients and the public have said are important to them."

Heather Lawrence, Chief Executive said: "The Care Quality Commission's independent assessment demonstrates the tangible improvements in the quality of care for patients that we have been able to deliver over the last 12 months.

"This is a tribute to the hard work and expertise of everyone who works at Chelsea and Westminster. I would like to thank personally all our staff for their continued commitment to providing the best possible care for patients.

"The Care Quality Commission's assessment should assure patients that they can expect the very highest standards of care when they choose to be treated at Chelsea and Westminster.

"We must now demonstrate consistency in our performance to achieve the same 'Excellent' rating for both quality of services and quality of financial management in the current financial year."