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Dear

Please find attached a briefing paper in relation to the declaration on performance by the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust for the Healthcare Commissions Annual Health Check 2007/08.

As you will see from the briefing paper, we expect to achieve all the Key National Targets set by the Department of Health and the Healthcare Commission for the financial year 2007/08, with good progress being made in other areas.

I am pleased to report that a seamless merger between West Midlands and Staffordshire Ambulance Service NHS Trusts took place on 1 October 2007. This was due to the effective partnership arrangements and convergence criteria that were put in place pre merger, and the commitment of senior officers from both organisations.

West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust was voted as the Ambulance Service of the year for 2007/08, this accolade highlights the dedication of all Trust staff in providing the best service possible for its patients.

I understand that representatives from the Trust have offered to attend Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings to update on West Midlands Ambulance Service performance, in order to provide information for members to make their commentary about the Trust. These comments will form part of the Trusts final declaration to the Healthcare Commission, which will be presented to the Trust Board on 30 April 2008, for submission to the Healthcare Commission on the same day. Therefore, I would ask that, wherever possible statements are returned to myself by 6th April 2008.

If you require further visits or clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sue Green, Regional Head of Risk and Governance on 01384 246436, or Mrs Diane Lee, Director of Corporate Services on 01384 246414.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of West Midlands Ambulance service NHS Trust. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number if you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Anthony C Marsh
Chief Executive Officer

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