

22 April 2026

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Dear Stuart,

**South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS, “the Trust”)
Issue of Compliance Certificate against 2024 Undertakings**

I am writing regarding the current 2024 Enforcement Undertakings under section 106 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. As you will be aware there is a requirement to ensure enforcement undertakings are reviewed and to consider progress against them by the Trust. The 2024 well-led undertakings are in place alongside the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) 2023 undertakings which focus on finance as part of Hampshire & Isle of Wight system finance undertakings.

NHS England wrote to the Trust in March 2026 to confirm that we would complete a full review of the existing 2024 undertakings and determine progress. I am pleased to confirm that the South East Regional Support Group (RSG) approved the recommendation on 15 April 2026 to issue a compliance certificate and therefore removal of the SCAS 2024 undertakings. The existing September 2023 Finance undertakings will remain as is and will be reviewed during Quarter One 2026/27.

We have therefore enclosed a Compliance Certificate for the 2024 undertakings where full compliance has been evidenced.

The removal of the 2024 Undertakings is a positive step in the improvement journey of SCAS. The key priorities are for the Trust to sustain the improvements made in leadership and governance, and continue the financial recovery, with ongoing financial oversight. As previously communicated the Trust must continue to move the approach from transactional to strategic, ensuring cohesion at executive level and ongoing improvement on the culture of the organisation. Accountability for performance and improvement, including delivery and impact of the Integrated Improvement Plan (IIP), lies clearly with the Board which is now further supported through the new governance framework in the Trust.

Whilst we are satisfied the Trust has complied with the 2024 Undertakings and is no longer in breach of licence, the Trust continues to face some risks in relation to workforce and culture on sexual safety and bullying. It is key that the Trust retain focus on improving the experience for staff and learners.

We will continue to work with through regional oversight to monitor progress and as the Trust progresses the collaborative journey with SECAMb.

The NHS England website will now be updated to reflect the removal of the 2024 Undertakings.

If you have any queries relating to the above, please contact Jackie Huddleston by email Jackie.huddleston@nhs.net or Rachel-Louise Barlow by email on rachel-louise.barlow@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Eden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Anne Eden, Regional Director, NHS England South East

cc: Keith Willett, Chair, South Central Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust
Maggie MacIsaac, Chief Executive, Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB
David Radbourne, Director of Strategy & Transformation, NHSE SE
Jackie Huddleston, System Coordination Director, NHSE SE
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Enc: Compliance Certificate

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

LICENSEE:

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation (“the Licensee”)

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In accordance with paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 11 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012, NHS England hereby certifies that it is satisfied that the Licensee has complied with all of the Licensee’s Enforcement Undertakings accepted by NHS England on 24 December 2024.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Egan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Regional Director South East

Chair of Regional Support Group, NHS England

Date: 22.04.2026