

Notice of Removal of Section 111 Additional Licence Conditions

For the purposes of this Notice, “NHS Improvement” means Monitor, which was abolished and its functions transferred to NHS England on 1 July 2022 by the Health and Care Act 2022.

The following additional licence conditions were imposed by NHS Improvement on Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on 20 October 2021 in accordance with NHS Improvement’s power under section 111 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012:

After Condition FT4 (NHS Foundation Trust governance arrangements), additional licence conditions 1 and 2 – Additional governance arrangements:

1. The Licensee must ensure that it has in place sufficient and effective board leadership capacity and capability, in particular a suitably experienced and effective chair, as well as an effectively functioning Council of Governors, to enable it to address:
 - a. the issues faced by the Licensee in relation to its financial position and long term sustainability; and
 - b. any other issues relating to governance or operations that have caused or contributed to, or are causing or contributing to, or will cause or contribute to, the breach of the conditions of the Licensee’s licence.

2. The Licensee’s Council of Governors must ensure it implements arrangements to work effectively with the Licensee’s Board, in particular with a view to securing long term sustainability of the Licensee’s services and ensuring that they:
 - a. at all times comply with applicable requirements of the Licensee’s constitution;
 - b. operate in accordance with their respective statutory roles and responsibilities; and
 - c. have regard to relevant guidance issued by NHS Improvement in relation to governance of NHS foundation trusts.

NHS England has decided it is appropriate to remove these additional licence conditions, as from the date of this notice, for the following reason(s):

The risk that the Licensee will fail to comply with its licence conditions has been satisfactorily reduced. Since the licence conditions were put in place, the Trust has

appointed an appropriate chair and this remains the case. The working relationship between the Council of Governors and Trust Board has improved and is effective.

The Trust has agreed a clinical strategy with its commissioners and has recently agreed a strategic partnership with two other NHS foundation trusts to ensure it can deliver this strategy sustainably.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne Eden'.

Signed:

Anne Eden
Regional Director

Date: 19 March 2026