



The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital

NHS Trust

In respect of item 2019.1/118 (Maternity Incentive Scheme), the following statement was issued by Louise Barnett, Chief Executive, in March 2020:

“We have reassessed the Maternity Incentive Scheme return for year 1, which was submitted in 2018, and year 2, which was submitted in 2019. Although some good progress had been made, we did not have sufficient evidence to support the required 100% compliance in all of the standards.

“The incentive scheme money which we received from NHS Resolution in 2018 will be repaid.

“In order to ensure the Board has transparency regarding the process leading to the incorrect submission, and is able to identify actions to strengthen processes for the future, our internal auditors have been commissioned to undertake an independent review. This will be reported back to the Board once complete.

“We acknowledge that our systems need to be more robust. We are continuing to review and strengthen our governance processes, to provide additional rigour and scrutiny at all levels, which I welcome.”