

BY EMAIL

Dr Henrietta Hughes

National Freedom to Speak Up Guardian

Care Quality Commission

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Dear Dr Hughes,

**Whistleblowing governance failures at Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust (SSTOP)**

I write to pass on a concern that SSOTP - the trust which was the prototype upon which the Speak Up Guardian model is based - has badly failed staff who raised concerns.

Furthermore, the trust withheld information about the whistleblowing governance failures.

I have summarised the issues in the attached paper.

Many questions remain unanswered and this matter is clearly of great importance because it goes to the validity of the Freedom To Speak Up

project.

I ask that your office reviews these failures, and I also ask that your office does not promote the example of SSOTP as a model of good practice.

Yours sincerely,

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