

BY EMAIL

Exeter University

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Dear Sir,

Could you kindly acknowledge my email below of 27 February 2017 to Lord Myners, and advise when Exeter University is likely to respond?

I imagine the University will have seen the widespread coverage of Paula Vasco-Knight's sentencing today, when she received a prison sentence of 16 months, suspended for two years, and 250 hours of unpaid community work.

The judge emphasised her serious abuse of trust:

"As chief executive of the trust, one can hardly imagine a greater breach of trust and responsibility on your part."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4300522/NHS-chief-executive-sentenced-spending-taxpayer-s-cash.html>

<http://www.devonlive.com/suspended-sentence-for-devon-nhs-chief-who-gave-her-husband-11-000-from-budget/story-30194419-detail/story.html>

I hope Exeter university will recognise the need to uphold accepted standards in public life, and to not condone in any way the arbitrary abuse of public trust and power.

Vasco-Knight did not come clean when NHS investigators started looking into her fraud in March 2014.

<https://minhalexander.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/nhs-protect-foi-response-re-pvk-2017-02-001-final-response1.pdf>

She only changed her plea to guilty at a very late stage.

She attempted to shift blame onto a former colleague before doing so.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-38761763>

Vasco-Knight also previously showed that she was willing to cast aside the Nolan standards when she gave her daughter's boyfriend a job and bullied whistleblowers who objected to her nepotism.

<https://www.dropbox.com/home?preview=Vasco-Knight+Tribunal+judgment+003-1.pdf>

The picture is not one of an impulsive, isolated lapse of judgment.

I hope Exeter University will do the right thing.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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