

By email:

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Regulation 5: Fit and Proper Persons Requirement (FPPR)

Provider names: Cygnet Health Care

## Dear Dr Alexander

Following our review of the information you submitted under Regulation 5, we are now writing to inform you of our conclusions.

We firstly considered whether the information you provided was of sufficient concern to require us to ask the relevant registered provider to review it. That decision depends partly on whether objective supporting information is provided, and whether this can be directly related to the directors in question.

In the case of the information you supplied about Dr Tony Romero, Jenny Gibson and Nick Ruffley, we came to the view that this should be passed on to their current Senior Independent Director for consideration.

We shared the information that you supplied to CQC with the registered provider. We asked them to consider this information and tell us about their processes for providing assurance that their directors are fit and proper.

The information that we subsequently received from the Senior Independent Director satisfied CQC that the information of concern had been looked into and that the registered provider's processes to comply with Regulation 5 are robust.

This concluded our review of Cygnet Health Care processes, which we feel currently meet the standards required under Regulation 5. We have informed the registered provider of this, but also that we reserve the right to review the case if further information is presented to CQC.

This concludes CQC's review of Cygnet Health Care under this regulation, as well as our correspondence with you on the application of Regulation 5 to all information you supplied.

We have updated our systems and the local inspection team accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sean O'Kelly

**Chief Inspector of Healthcare**