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**'Excellent' use of resources brings huge benefits to patients at
Liverpool Women's**

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded the highest rating of 'Excellent' for use of resources and 'Good' for Quality of Services in the NHS Performance Indicators for 2008/09 which has been publicly announced today by independent watchdog, the Care Quality Commission.

It is the fourth year that the Trust has received 'Excellent' for use of resources, a result which is showing tangible benefits for patients as the Trust is able to make significant investment in its services: to extend and improve the Trust's IVF unit and to improve maternity services.

The Trust was assessed on a wide range of measures and performed excellently in every area, but was unable to provide the full evidence needed for two of the government's *Standards for Better Health* and chose to declare that it had 'insufficient assurance' for these. This led to a 'good' rating for quality of services rather than 'excellent'. However, the Trust continues to deliver on its promises in relation to patient access targets, clinical safety and cleanliness, for example infection rates at the Women's remain among the very lowest in the country.

Kathy Thomson said: "We are delighted to have achieved this high standard for the second year running. Our ratings are reflected in the very positive feedback we again received from patients who were independently surveyed by the Commission about our services. That, coupled with the rating overall illustrates yet again that Liverpool Women's leads the way in providing the best of care for women of all ages, babies and their families and is a real testament to the hard work and dedication shown by every member of staff and our volunteers who contribute so much to the Trust ."

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