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CQC REPORT: STANDARDS OF CARE THAT OLDER PEOPLE RECEIVE IN HOSPITAL

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Introductory note by Secretary

On 13 October the CQC published a report into the standards of care that older people receive in hospital. This summarised the results of 100 unannounced inspections of NHS acute hospitals between March and June 2011. In particular, it looked at whether the essential standards of dignity and nutrition were being met on wards caring for older people.

The results were as follows:

- Hospitals with a major concern – 2
- Hospitals with a moderate concern – 18
- Hospitals with a minor or no concern - 80

Two hospitals in Essex were included. Colchester General Hospital had moderate concerns on 'respecting and involving people who use services' and 'meeting nutritional needs'. Princess Alexandra hospital has minor or no concerns. A copy of the full report was e-mailed to all HOSC members on 13 October.

Members are invited to consider the implications for local residents and whether views should be sought from either or both of the Hospitals concerned.
