

GLENFIELD CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT (PAPER G)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the County Council believes that the public debate about the future of the Glenfield Children's Heart Unit must take full account of the importance of the related Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) service for children;
- (b) That the decision of the Joint Committee of PCTs to cease children's heart surgical services at the Glenfield Hospital and the subsequent decision by the Secretary of State for Health to move the ECMO service for children to Birmingham Children's Hospital, and their impacts, in particular:-
 - the problems inherent with the possible transfer of the ECMO Unit, particularly in relation staffing and training;
 - the difficulty that would be experienced in relation to transporting critically ill patients, particularly by helicopter;
 - the ECMO Unit at Glenfield Hospital is world renowned and yet failed to be awarded any points for innovation as part of the review processbe noted with regret and concern;
- (c) That the action of the University Hospitals of Leicester Trust (UHL) to seek a legal and clinical opinion regarding both decisions be noted and supported;
- (d) That the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee be advised that the County Council is particularly concerned about the decision to transfer the ECMO Unit to Birmingham Children's Hospital and would urge the Committee to meet as soon as possible once the legal and clinical opinions are considered by the UHL Trust Board to consider a referral to the Secretary of State having regard to the decision of the UHL Trust Board;
- (e) That the campaign by parents, charities and others to lobby for a review of the Joint Committee's decision, which includes an e-petition, be supported;
- (f) That a letter be sent to all Leicestershire MPs requesting their support for the retention of the children's heart surgical services and the ECMO facilities at Glenfield Hospital;
- (g) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Health.