

**East Midlands Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Responses Regarding Their Position Concerning the
Children's Heart Services at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester
and the Outcome of the
National Safe and Sustainable Review.**

Please find attached copies of the responses from other East Midlands Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Derby City

Derbyshire County

Lincolnshire

Northamptonshire

Nottingham Joint Health OSC.

As you can see from the attached responses, there is a mixed position concerning support for Glenfield Hospital and the retention of the Children's Cardiac Unit.

Anne Mitchell 22nd August 2012

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Sent: 17 August 2012 13:04

To: Anne Mitchell

Subject: RE: Comments please for the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health OSC please?

Dear Anne

The Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the Safe and Sustainable briefing on the future of children's congenital heart services at their meeting on Monday 13 August. Members did not express any concerns about Glenfield Hospital and accepted that it could potentially become Children's Cardiology Centre. However they felt that Birmingham Children's Hospital is far more accessible for Derby residents and therefore supported the decision to locate the Specialist Surgical Centre there.

Regards

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Our Ref: GF064/GS
9 August 2012

Dear Mrs Mitchell

RE: National Safe and Sustainable Review, Children's Congenital Heart Unit, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Thank you for your letter dated 7 August with regards to the above.

Derbyshire County Council's Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People's response to the original Safe and Sustainable Review was to support Option A (the Leicester option), with Option D (Leeds) as its second choice.

The Committee had liaised with the County's Public Health Team on the implications of the review and it was felt that Option A provided the best outcomes for children in both the county and region.

It was disappointing to note then the final decision taken by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts on 4 July 2012 and the potential impact this will have on children and their parents across the region. However, at the present time, there is no mandate from the Committee to pursue this matter any further.

I am aware that a referral is being considered by Lincolnshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee and note the work you mention that is taking place in Leicestershire. I would therefore be grateful if you could keep me informed of the outcome of your Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4 September so that I can feedback to my Committee Members at our next



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meeting on 12 September. If a referral is to be made by your Joint HOSC I would support this and would seek the backing of my Committee on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Gill Farrington
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Dear Anne

**NATIONAL SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE REVIEW
CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL HEART UNIT GLENFIELD HOSPITAL LEICESTER**

Thank you for your letter of 7th August 2012, addressed to Councillor Mrs Christine Talbot, the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. The Chairman is currently away and I will request that she sends a reply to you before the end of August.

In the interim, I can confirm that the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire considered the decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) on 25th July 2012. The Committee decided to refer the decision made by the JCPCT on 4th July 2012 on the proposed reconfiguration of children's congenital heart surgery to the Secretary of State for Health.

The referral has been made for the following reasons:

- (1) the impact of the closure of the Glenfield Children's Heart Surgery Unit on Lincolnshire families, in terms of clinical safety and accessibility;
- (2) the impact of the removal of the ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation equipment from Glenfield to the Birmingham's Children Hospital; and
- (3) the decision making process of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts.

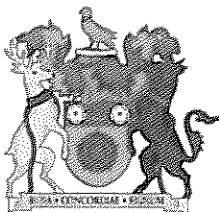
Yours sincerely,

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cc. Councillor Mrs Christine Talbot, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire



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Dear Ms Mitchell,

National Safe & Sustainable Review - Children's Congenital Heart Unit, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

I am writing to you on behalf of Councillor Judy Shephard, Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council's Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee, in response to your letter of 7th August 2012 on the above matter.

The Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee did not scrutinise the Safe & Sustainable Review reconfiguration proposals during the consultation period in 2011. Therefore, it has not previously expressed a formal view on these proposals.

Similarly, the Committee is not currently due to scrutinise the implications of the decision by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts, although I anticipate that it would be open to considering changing this position if it came to appear necessary.

Please do contact me if there is anything on this matter that you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Mitchell

Thank you for your correspondence dated 7 August 2012, requesting an update in respect of the Joint City and County (Nottinghamshire) Health Scrutiny Committee's position on the decision not to include the Glenfield Hospital in the national reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Heart Services.

You will be aware that, of the national service reconfiguration options put forward for consultation, our Joint Committee fully supported Option A, which would have seen a reduction of surgical centres to 7, including one at Glenfield Hospital. I'm sure I speak on behalf of Joint Committee members in expressing my disappointment and dismay at the outcome of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts meeting on 4 July 2012, which means that Nottingham and Nottinghamshire children and their families will have to travel to Birmingham to access Children's Congenital Heart services.

I am particularly aware that the decision has wider repercussions for the local population, in that the Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) facility will be lost, meaning that adult ECMO services will no longer be available at Glenfield.

The outcome has not formally been considered by the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee, which next meets on 11 September 2012. I note that the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust is reviewing the legal and clinical aspects of the decision, and that the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet on 4 September 2012 to determine, on the basis of evidence, whether or not to refer the issue to the Secretary of State.

I would very much welcome feedback on the outcome of your 4 September meeting before we next meet, to inform our consideration of the way forward.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Mel Shepherd MBE
Chairman of the Joint City / County Health Scrutiny Committee

