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Dear Andrew

Glenfield Hospital – Children’s Heart Surgical and Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Services

Members of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health Scrutiny Committee are extremely concerned at the decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) and your subsequent decision to move the Children’s Heart Surgical and ECMO services from the Glenfield Hospital in Leicester to the Birmingham Children’s Hospital. Members are of the view that those decisions are not in the best interest of the local health service and the population it serves.

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is in the process of gathering evidence in support of a formal referral of the decisions. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee had hoped to test its evidence with representatives from the JCPCT in early September, but this has not been possible due to the unavailability of key personnel from the JCPCT and its secretariat. It is now hoped that this meeting will take place in October, following which it is anticipated that a formal referral will be made in relation to the two decisions.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Cooke
Chairman

Ruth Camamile
Vice Chairman

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee.