

New Congenital Heart Disease Review
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Dear Cllr Cooke

Re: New congenital heart disease review

I am writing to you in your capacity as a Chair of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Following the suspension of the Safe and Sustainable review of children's congenital heart services by the Secretary of State in June, NHS England established a new review to consider the whole lifetime pathway of care for people with congenital heart disease.

This is described in more detail in a paper received by the NHS England board on 18 July 2013 (available at <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/180713-item13.pdf>). We are seeking to keep all stakeholders informed about our work through our website (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/qual-clin-lead/chd/>), and in particular, via regular blogs by John Holden, Director of System Policy at NHS England (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/publications/blogs/john-holden/>). These may be of interest to committee members so I would be grateful if you could bring them to their attention.

We are also seeking to engage with stakeholders, including local government,

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and as part of that would welcome the opportunity to talk to your committee as one that took a particular interest in the earlier work. This would be an opportunity to brief the committee on the new review, our commitment to a national service against national standards, and to discuss ways of working with local government. It would also provide us with a valuable opportunity to hear the committee's views.

If you agree, my colleague Zuzana Bates will liaise with your scrutiny officers to agree a suitable date for us to attend the committee.

Kind regards

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