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Cc: Anita Patel
Subject: New Congenital Heart Disease Review

Zuzana

Sorry for the slight delay in responding since our telephone conversation on the 13th September. You will recall that I welcomed the opportunity for a briefing on the new review, but raised a number of points for;

1. The Joint Scrutiny Commission for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is no longer operational; it came together for one meeting to consider representations on the outcome of the Safer and Sustainable Review, which as you know resulted in the referral to the S o S.
2. The Scrutiny Commission is an organ of the City Council and has no Executive power; and is probably not the right part of the Council to consult on new proposals. That would be down to the Mayor, the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board with support from Officers. The Executive is keen to be involved in consultation and would be able to foster and manage community involvement on your behalf on such consultation.
3. I acknowledged the difficulty in arranging a meeting with such different players but undertook to broker an acceptable meeting to address the needs of the different Councils, Executives of those Councils and Scrutiny Commissions.

We have had positive soundings with the other Councils and I believe the joint Scrutiny group will reform but it may still be necessary to arrange 2 meetings, one for scrutiny and the other for "Local Government", both on the same day.

My colleague Anita Patel will be making the arrangements and will be in touch with you shortly

Sincerely

Councillor Michael Cooke
Chair Leicester City Health and Wellbeing Commission