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Dear Lewis

UPDATE ON ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

I am writing to inform the Committee of a potential change to the expected timescale of the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.

I have been informed by NHS Lothian that due to complexities with the remaining work and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this has led to possible changes to the delivery of the programme of works to address the issues of patient safety in clinical care and haemato – oncology. NHS Lothian is working closely with IHSL to ensure delivery of the programme as close to the timeframe of a full handover in Autumn 2020, but this timeframe is now under review. A refreshed programme is likely to be available during the second half of May and I will of course keep Parliament updated.

The priority continues to remain the delivery of a safe hospital, that will be fit for purpose to provide the highest quality of care to the patients of NHS Lothian. I will continue to keep the Parliament updated on the progress of this work.

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