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Convener
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By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

UPDATE ON ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCES

I am writing to inform you of an update to the progress of the work at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neurosciences.

From July, a number of children's outpatient services will move to the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People at the same time as remaining services from the Department of Clinical Neurosciences complete their move.

This phased move will see some Children's outpatient services, including Neurology and Orthopaedics migrate, along with a number of administrative support staff. The plan, which has been agreed with the full involvement of clinical teams and staff side representatives.

The final phase of the move of the Department of Clinical Neurosciences will also take place in mid-July. This will see inpatient Neurosurgery and Neurology wards, along with Neurosurgery Theatres and Interventional Neuro-Radiology relocated to their new home.

I informed Parliament in May that COVID-19 may adversely affect the timeline of the project. We now know that COVID-19 is impacting on supply chains and the pace of work, as contractors need to observe safe physical distancing, but at present the work is progressing on track and the original timeline remains.

I want to put on record my thanks to the Programme Director, Project Team, Contractors and NHS Lothian staff who have continued to work on the Hospital during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,

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