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UPDATE ON ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear Lewis

I am writing to inform you of an update to the progress of the next phase of moving services to the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in January.

We have continued to see significant work ongoing to rectify the issues within the hospital and see this work be delivered despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented.

As a result of this pace of work, NHS Lothian's have confirmed that their inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are set to move to their new home at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in January 2021. This service will join the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and the vast majority of Children's outpatient services in the middle of the month, following their successful migration to the new building in the summer.

We continue to work to the timescale for safe completion of the final areas of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People of January 2021.

I will continue to keep the Parliament updated on the progress of the migration of services and completion of the hospital.

Regards

Jeane Freeman