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Lewis Macdonald MSP
Convener
Health and Sport Committee

By email

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Dear Lewis

I am writing to you today following my update to Parliament on the delay to the opening of the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People on 11 September.

As outlined in my statement to Parliament, NHS Lothian has been escalated to level 4 of our escalation process for delivery of the project. This means that we are taking a more directive role in the operation of the Board as we have assessed that there are significant risks to delivery, quality, financial performance and safety and that senior level external support is required.

I am pleased to let you know that I have appointed Mary Morgan to the role of Senior Programme Director to the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neuroscience project. Mary is currently Director of Strategy, Performance and Service Transformation in NHS National Services Scotland. In her role as Senior Programme Director for the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Mary will report directly to Christine McLaughlin, Chief Finance Officer, NHS Scotland, and Director of Health Finance, Scottish Government.

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Mary joined the National Health Service in Scotland in 1982 and subsequently pursued her career in Nursing and NHS management, leading major change programmes. Mary joined NHS National Services Scotland as the Director of Health Protection Scotland in 2008 and, prior to her current role, Mary was the Director for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and led the successful completion of the award winning new SNBTS facility (Jack Copland Centre) which was also Non Profit Distribution funded.



Jeane Freeman

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