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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Royal Hospital for Children and Young People

Thank you for your letter of 11 September following your update to Parliament that day in relation to the delay in opening the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and other services in Edinburgh.

During your statement you offered to update the Committee directly, which you repeated on 17 September, and I will be grateful if you could attend and do this on the morning of **Tuesday 19 November** – specific timings to be confirmed in due course.

It would be helpful, if as part of the above you could provide further detail as to how the ventilation difficulties came to light and how that links to the work of the 'Health Hazards Inquiry' looking into the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

Perhaps also on the 19th you would update the Committee on progress to finally resolve issues around the disposal of hospital waste.

The Committee are interested in how these three issues are connected and will also welcome further detail, including timescales, for the establishment of the new national body announced in the programme for government and the public inquiry that the Government has committed to.

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Note I have written to the Auditor General of Audit Scotland asking if they are planning to investigate financial issues arising from the delayed opening to the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline under the first letter of "Lewis".

Lewis Macdonald

Convener, Health and Sport Committee