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By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

NHS Lothian Royal Hospital for Children and Young People & Department of Clinical Neurosciences: Review of Fire Systems, Electrical Systems and Medical Gas Installations Report

Today I have published the second and final part of a review into compliance of all building systems at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Please find attached a copy of the link to the report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/nhs-lothian-royal-hospital-children-young-people-department-clinical-neurosciences-review-fire-systems-electrical-systems-medical-gas-installations/>

This document is supplementary to the NSS report published on 11 September 2019. The latest NHS National Services Scotland report focuses on fire systems, electrical systems and medical gases. The findings of this report have identified remedial work required within fire and electrical systems prior to occupation and also identified opportunities for improvement activity. We continue to work to the previously announced timeline.

NHS Lothian have today published a response setting out a programme of activity to address the findings in the NSS report following an assessment of the work to be completed. A wider action plan bringing together actions of both reports will follow in due course. Please find a link to the NHS Lothian response: [NHS Lothian's Response Document](#)

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In my statement to Parliament on Wednesday 11 September, I set out the steps that would be taken to strengthen the management and assurance arrangements for completing all of the outstanding works necessary to open the facility, this includes taking forward the actions identified in both NHS National Services Scotland Reports.

The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People Oversight Board is in place and has overall responsibility for ensuring the completion of the works and the hospital opening, reporting directly me as Cabinet Secretary. The Oversight Board is chaired by the Chief Nursing Officer and includes senior figures from Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates, NHS National Services Scotland, Scottish Futures Trust and NHS Lothian.

Mary Morgan has been appointed Senior Programme Director, effective from Monday 16 September, and will report directly to this Scottish Government. In this role, she has responsibility for the actions to ensure the facility is fit for occupation and will oversee the action plan to deliver a safe and complaint site for the new Edinburgh Hospital for Children and Young people and DCN.

I will be happy to discuss the findings of this report and the remedial work identified, when I attend the Health and Sport Committee on the 19 November 2019.

Kind Regards,



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