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UPDATE ON WARDS 2A AND 2B, ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, QUEEN ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Dear Lewis

I am writing to inform the Committee of an update on the timescale of wards 2A and 2B.

I am pleased to inform you that work on site has been progressing, although this has necessarily had to accommodate the fact that the hospital has remained operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. However I want to highlight, there have been significant delays as a result of COVID-19. This has included significant challenges with supply chains and the continued effects of social distancing during construction works.

We are still awaiting the finalised programme of works but NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are expecting work to be complete in May 2021.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are treating this with the upmost priority and I expect them only to open wards 2A/2B when the Board and the Scottish Government are assured the new systems have been commissioned and validated in line with guidance and Infection Control are supportive of service commencement.

I am very grateful to everyone for all of their work on this project. This update like the previous updates, will be communicated clearly to patients and families.

JEANE FREEMAN