



T: 0300 244 4000
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Lewis Macdonald MSP
Convener
Health and Sport Committee

By Email.

1 March 2021

Dear Lewis

UPDATE ON EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

I am writing to provide an update on progress with the final phase of moving services to the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh.

NHS Lothian and the Senior Programme Director continue to work towards the last week in March for the final migration of Children's Services to the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People. This is consistent with the position I outlined to Parliament on 19 January, when I responded to a question from Alex Cole-Hamilton.

Inpatients, and the remaining outpatient services yet to move, will follow the migration plan which has been designed in collaboration and with the support of medical, nursing and support services such as Labs, Radiology and Theatres.

I want to assure the Committee, that all parts of the programme are progressing as expected and the testing to ensure the building meets all the required standards is going well. I have informed NHS Lothian that once they have received final independent certification, I will be happy to confirm the move date.

I will update the Committee and Parliament, once that position has been finalised.

JEANE FREEMAN

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot

St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
www.gov.scot

