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Dear Mr Courtney

Draft Service Specifications and Standards in Relation to CHD

Thank you for the invitation to attend Mondays 3rd November 2014 Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to discuss the standards relating to the new Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) review. Due to operational issues and the onset of our busiest time we are unable to release anyone to attend Monday's Scrutiny Committee.

Embrace has reviewed the draft service specification and standards in relation to CHD and can confirm that it meets the service specification and standards. Embrace continues to work with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as with other trusts in Yorkshire and the Humber in order to ensure a focus on quality and safety in relation to the transfers operated by Embrace. This is part of our normal operational policy.

From a transport view the proposed specifications and standards do not raise any issues. If there are changes in relation to the current provision of services as a result of this process by NHSE then a re-assessment will be required in relation to children traveling further to access the treatment they require.

At this current time Embrace has not been asked by any other to group to participate in any specific groups or workstreams of the review.

Should you have further transport specific queries following your meeting please do contact me and I will ensure that we respond.

Yours sincerely

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