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Dear Wayne,

**Re: Closure of the Leeds Bridle Path Donor Centre in Seacroft**

I am writing on behalf of Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) to express the Board's disappointment and concern regarding the decision to close a NHSBT Blood Donor Centre in Leeds without any involvement or consultation with the Scrutiny Board.

It was not until 19 December 2016 that I first became aware of NHSBT's 'decision' to close the Blood Donor Centre in Seacroft on 27 January 2017. I brought this to the attention of the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 20 December 2016.

The Scrutiny Board discharges the Council's health scrutiny function and I have enclosed a copy of the Board's terms of reference, for your information. I would specifically draw your attention to the following functions of the Scrutiny Board:

- to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and to make reports and recommendations on any such matter it has reviewed or scrutinised;
- to comment on, make recommendations about, or report to the Secretary of State in writing about such proposals as are referred to the authority by a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider.

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The Scrutiny Board would view the proposed closure of any local health care facility as a 'substantial variation' of service and therefore subject to a process of formal public consultation and engagement with the Scrutiny Board. While the media article suggests the closure decision follows a review by NHSBT, I am not aware of any formal involvement and engagement with either service users or the Scrutiny Board.

On behalf of the Scrutiny Board I am trying to establish the general level of awareness and/or involvement in NHSBT's decision to close this local facility. As such, I am sharing this letter with key health partners across Leeds.

Meanwhile, I should be grateful if you could provide further details of NHSBT's decision and any service user / public consultation and engagement that has informed the decision.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Gruen'.

**Councillor Peter Gruen**

Chair, Scrutiny Board

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cc All Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups  
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust  
Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust  
Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council