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REFERRAL FROM YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE "REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL CARDIAC SERVICES"

Thank you for your letter of 14 October 2011 referring proposals regarding the review of children's congenital cardiac services.

I am today writing to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) asking them to undertake an initial review on your referral. Should the IRP advise that a full review is necessary, you will have the chance to present your case to them in full.

I have asked the IRP to report to me no later than 13 January 2012.

I am copying this letter to Dr Peter Barrett, Chair of the IRP and to Ian Dalton, Chief Executive, NHS North of England.

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