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Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board Chair
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Dear Councillor Illingworth.

Sheffield City Council's Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee today discussed the decision made on July 4th by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts that the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust should cease carrying out Paediatric Cardiac Surgery.

Having considered the detailed work carried out over the past year by the Yorkshire and Humber Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and having listened to the concerns of Sheffield people, the Committee is of the view that the decision to close the Leeds Unit is not in the best interest of children, young people and families of Sheffield.

The Committee therefore offers its support should the Joint Yorkshire and Humber Overview and Scrutiny Committee decide to use its formal powers of referral to refer this issue to the Secretary of State for Health.

In an event of a referral to the Secretary of State, Sheffield's Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee will write to the Secretary of State, urging him to refer the issue to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel for detailed consideration. We will also be asking Sheffield MPs to support this action.

On behalf of Sheffield City Council's Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee I'd like to thank you for leading the regional scrutiny process, and look forward to working with you further on this over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cllr M R Rooney'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline.

Cllr Mick Rooney
Chair, Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.