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Dear Lord Ribeiro,

**REFERRALS FROM LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND LEICESTER,
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND'S JOINT HEALTH
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE "SAFE AND
SUSTAINABLE REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL
HEART SERVICES"**

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 2012 providing initial advice in relation to the above referrals.

Your letter states the Panel would be willing to undertake a full review. I would be grateful if this review could commence as early as possible.

Your report should be submitted to me no later than 28 February 2013 in line with the agreed terms of reference between the Department of Health and the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, subject to any further instruction I may need to issue in relation to timing in the light of the judicial review challenge brought against the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts.

Should I be in receipt of any additional referrals regarding the Safe And Sustainable Review Of Children's Congenital Heart Services, these will be passed to the Panel for initial advice and, if appropriate, dealt with as part of this review.

The decision of the Secretary of State taken regarding the removal of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation equipment from Glenfield to Birmingham should not form part of the review as this decision was not taken by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts.

I will write to you again regarding this review should the court grant permission to bring the judicial review proceedings.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy

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