

Attachment 4



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Dear Professor Pope,

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 October to Matt Hancock on behalf of Healthwatch Rutland about the reconfiguration of ICU beds in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. I have been asked to reply.

The Department appreciates the public's concerns about consultation and engagement issues regarding this.

As you know, the proper place for discussing and deciding these issues is at the local level, and the Department is pleased that stakeholders are actively engaged in debating them with the NHS.

Should the scrutiny committee refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health under the regulations, then the Department would of course be happy to look into it. Unless or until that happens, the Department is unable to comment on the process.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Spencer
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