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In consultation with Councillor Gary Conde, Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel

Dear Professor Pope

Re: Healthwatch Rutland's Continuing Concerns Regarding University Hospitals Leicester (UHL) and ICU

Further to your letter of 9 November 2018 to the Chairman of our Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel outlining your concerns about the lack of a full public consultation on the UHL plans to reconfigure the top-level ICU beds and associated dependent services, and your subsequent request for the Panel to make a referral to the Secretary of State, Councillor Conde has asked me to reply to you confining his position.

Government guidance, as laid out in the Department of Health's document, 'Guidance to support Local Authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny' clearly states that the Panel may report to the Secretary of State in writing if the following apply:

1. It is not satisfied with the adequacy of content of the consultation
2. It is not satisfied that sufficient time has been allowed for consultation (the referral power in the context of inadequate consultation only relates to the consultation with the local authority and not consultation with other stakeholders)
3. It considers that the proposal would not be in the interests of the health service in its area.
4. It has not been consulted, and it is not satisfied that the reasons given for not carrying out consultation are adequate.

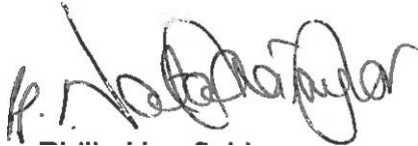
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You will be aware that the RCC Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel Meeting held on 5 April 2018 endorsed the plan to consolidate ICU at the Royal and Glenfield. Also, as stated in your letter 'the clinical and safety arguments for reconfiguration are broadly recognised'. In addition to this the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Overview and Scrutiny meeting also took the view that the proposals should not be referred to the Secretary of State. At this time the Scrutiny Panel does not have the information required by paragraphs 4.7.5 and 4.7.11 of the guidance.

As a consequence of the foregoing, the advice given to the Chairman is that the Committee is not able to make a referral to the Secretary of State at this stage.

Please contact me if I can assist further on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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