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Dear Janet,

Haemodialysis

I am responding to your letter of 16th June 2021 in which you raise a number of questions in relation to haemodialysis. Please find below the information requested.

1. How many Rutland patients are dependent on haemodialysis?
There are currently a small number of Rutland residents receiving haemodialysis through University Hospitals of Leicester. In line with the Data Protection Act requirements we are not able to provide the exact figure, by providing the exact figure the individuals concerned may be identified.
2. Where do these patients access their dialysis?
This varies depending where people live, and whether there is a need for more bespoke dialysis (e.g. nocturnal). They receive dialysis at Hamilton, Kettering, Peterborough, Leicester General Hospital or Loughborough.
3. Are there dialysis dependent patients in the Melton Mowbray area and, if so, how many?
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4. Would there, perhaps be greater feasibility for there to be a Rutland/Melton Mowbray dialysis facility? Safe staffing of such small units, and ensuring adequate staff rest periods would, in a health economic sense, not make it viable.

UHL are committed to delivering care as locally as possible. As a large dialysis provider UHL are responsible for dialysis units in Leicester, Loughborough, Grantham, Kettering and Peterborough. Whilst none of these are in Rutland itself, they are accessible to Rutland residents. People requiring dialysis are offered a 'menu' of dialysis options including home-based treatments in the form of peritoneal dialysis or home haemodialysis. Within Rutland there are patients that have received these treatments.

The choice people make is very personal, but a key part of that is weighing up autonomy over treatment versus the requirement to travel, knowing where the nearest dialysis units are.

The service delivered from a GP surgery was bespoke to that patient, their circumstances and their skills. This did work well, and it is hoped that this could be replicated but it is critically dependent on interested individuals. We would be happy to explore that in the future, but it must be opportunistic.

Yours sincerely



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