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Today I have published the second and final part of a review into compliance of all building systems at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Please find attached a copy of the link to the report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/nhs-lothian-royal-hospital-children-young-people-department-clinical-neurosciences-review-fire-systems-electrical-systems-medical-gas-installations/>

The latest NHS National Services Scotland report focuses on fire systems, electrical systems and medical gases. The findings of this report have identified remedial work required within fire and electrical systems prior to occupation and also identified opportunities for improvement activity. We continue to work to the previously announced timeline.

NHS Lothian have published a response setting out a programme of activity to address the findings in the NSS report following an assessment of the work to be completed. A wider action plan bringing together actions of both reports will follow in due course. Please find a link to the NHS Lothian response: [NHS Lothian's Response Document](#)

Following my visits to both sites, I was grateful for you raising concerns you had regarding the current sites at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Department of Clinical Neurosciences. I am pleased to inform you the Board has taken steps to address these concerns. This includes work to increase the Royal Hospital for Sick Children Emergency Department capacity to maintain flow in advance of the winter months. This work within the emergency department should be complete by the first week in December and will help the Hospital to manage the increased demand over December and January. You also raised concerns around the equipment at the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. The Oversight Group on 17 October have agreed to recommend replacement of the interventional neuroradiology equipment at

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DCN and when the new hospital opens, to relocate that equipment to the new hospital, providing an additional resource on the new site.

I was also pleased to hear many staff are using the delay as an opportunity to further improve patient pathways and to learn and reflect from some of the preparations already made.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to you all for your continued professionalism and motivation to provide high standards of care.

I will continue to provide further updates directly to you as work progresses.

Kind regards

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