

ANNEX A

Correspondence from and to A

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2019 11:37:37
To: Scottish Ministers
Subject: Delay of opening Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

[REDACTED]

Is there any explanation as to why it was at such short notice? I would have thought these things are constantly being checked and reviewed and can completely understand the need for caution and safety issues but do not understand why it was not indicated earlier that there were problems.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Research Nurse Cardiology

[REDACTED]

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T: [Redacted]
E: [Redacted]

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Our ref: 2019/0021967
August 2019

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 24 July to Scottish Ministers regarding The Royal Hospital for Sick Children. The matter raised sits within the remit of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport who has asked me to thank you for your email and to respond on her behalf.

The Cabinet Secretary has made clear that her greatest responsibility is the safety of patients, and for this reason she decided to delay the move of patients, staff and services to the new hospital.

KPMG are carrying out an independent audit of the governance arrangements for RHCYP to establish the factors that led to the delay.

I hope this addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 August 2019 16:38:23
To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: FW: Reply from the Scottish Government.

Please can you add this as a new MACCS case and allocate to me.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Scottish Government

Email - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 August 2019 11:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Reply from the Scottish Government.

Thank you. This is not a satisfactory response. It doesn't address my main question which was why this only seemed to come to light at the last minute?
I appreciate that safety of patients is main concern having been a nurse in the NHS since 1973.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
[mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 22 August 2019 11:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Reply from the Scottish Government.

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T: [Redacted]
E: [Redacted]

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Our ref: 2019/0025267
13 September 2019

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your further email of 22 August regarding The Royal Hospital for Sick and Young People following my 22 August response to your email of 24 July to Scottish Ministers.

Following the decision to delay the opening of the new hospital, the Cabinet Secretary commissioned KPMG to carry out an independent audit of the governance arrangements for RHCYP to establish the factors that led to the delay.

The KPMG report explains that there was a mistake made in a tender document back in 2012, however it also notes that they saw evidence where the Board's technical advisors reminded Project Co that they must comply with guidance and relevant Scottish Health Technical Memoranda. Furthermore in January 2019, the Board asked IHSL for specific assurance that all critical ventilation systems had been designed, installed and commissioned in line with the relevant guidance - they received that assurance.

The report by KPMG was published on Wednesday 11 September, the same day that the Health Secretary made a statement to Parliament on the RHCYP. The report is available at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/independent-assessment-governance-arrangements-nhs-lothian-royal-hospital-children-young-people/>

I hope this now addresses your main question.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

Correspondence from and to B

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 September 2019 11:20:12
To: Public Engagement Unit
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Subject: FW: Edinburgh sick kids Confidential

[REDACTED]
PEU

Please could you scan this on to MACCs as an OR.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
St Andrew's House
Edinburgh

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 September 2019 11:07
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>
Subject: Edinburgh sick kids Confidential

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I read with great interest the excellent report by NSS into the Sick kids in Edinburgh and my overwhelming impression was that this is precisely the level and nature of investigation by external experts that is required in the QEUH. This is more akin to what I had initially expected of the external review into the QEUH - a rapid and targeted technical review and assessment of the risks which could be made public and as issues emerged they could be fixed. There may of course be conflicts of interest involved if NSS had any input at all into the QEUH, but it would seem a good idea to have something similar here.

I was surprised to note that NHS Lothian could not have been expected to know about the recent learning regarding water. It is disappointing that 18 months after the identification of major issues in regard to water at the RHC, other boards seem ignorant of the learning.

I am therefore writing to urge you to consider publishing a similar analysis of the current spec at QEUH without waiting for the review which is clearly not a speedy process.

Thank you once again for your commitment to ensuring these building mistakes are never repeated and to patient safety in relation to infection prevention.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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E: [Redacted]

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Our ref: 2019/0027190
9 October 2019

[Redacted]

I refer to your email of 13 September to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on the National Services Scotland (NSS) report into the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People. The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport has asked me to thank you for your email and to respond on her behalf.

I am pleased to hear you found the content of the NSS Report insightful with regards to the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.

There is currently an independent review chaired by Dr Brian Montgomery and Dr Andrew Fraser which was set up to establish whether the design, build, commissioning and maintenance of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children has had an adverse impact on the risk of Healthcare Associated Infection and whether there is wider learning for NHS Scotland. This will report to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport in Spring 2020.

On the 17 September, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport announced a public inquiry will be held to examine issues at the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital sites following recent concerns from affected parents over safety and wellbeing. The inquiry will determine how issues relating to ventilation and other key building systems occurred, and what steps can be taken to prevent this being repeated in future projects. The recent KPMG and NSS reports into the new Edinburgh Children's Hospital will provide a significant amount of the underpinning evidence for the inquiry alongside the ongoing independent review into the delivery and maintenance of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

I am attaching Annex A, which highlights reports that have been published with regards to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.



You also raised concerns around the water at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People. NHS Lothian are undertaking proactive work to ensure that issues highlighted in the NSS report are resolved in advance of migration to the new site.

I hope the following is helpful

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]



Reports published with regards to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

- Health Protection Scotland: Report into water contamination, December 2018
<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/summary-of-incident-and-findings-of-the-nhs-greater-glasgow-and-clyde-queen-elizabeth-university-hospitalroyal-hospital-for-children-water-contamination-incident-and-recommendations-for-nhsscotland/>
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland: Unannounced inspection of Queen Elizabeth University Hospital - 29-31 January 2019
http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/inspecting_and_regulating_care/hei_greater_glasgow_reports/qeuh_mar_19.aspx

