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Dear John,

#### **HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

I thank you for your letter of 29 October 2013.

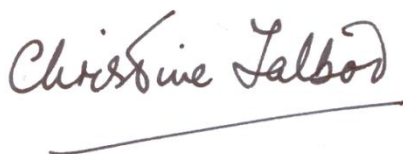
I am disappointed that you will not be attending the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on 20 November 2013, as the Committee was expecting an update on the latest position regarding the New Review of Congenital Heart Services, in particular on the plans for future engagement and the timing of the full public consultation.

I accept that there are potentially 152 local authorities with an interest in the New Review and that there is a need to engage with all aspects of local government. However, I would like to emphasise the importance of the health overview and scrutiny function within local government, as it will be scrutiny committees responding to the formal consultation on the proposals for the reconfiguration of services arising from the New Review.

I look forward to your substantive response to my letter of 25 October 2013 and I would like to accept your offer of a written update on the programme, which can be shared with the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on 20 November 2013.

I am grateful that you have not ruled out attending a future meeting of the Committee and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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