

Annex F: Letters in response to Leicester Growth Plan

Table A provides a list of potential provider referrers to University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) CHD service.

Table A

Category	Trust	Letter received?
Category 1	Leicester	N/A
	Lincolnshire	Yes
	Nottingham	Yes
	Derby	Yes
	Sherwood	Yes
	Northampton (2)	Yes
	Kettering	Yes
	Nuneaton (2)	Yes
Category 2	Peterborough (2)	Yes
	Coventry (2)	Yes
	Burton	Yes
	Chesterfield	Yes
Category 3	Oxford	No We have spoken to the lead cardiologist at Oxford who is very supportive of EMCHC retaining Level 1 commissioning and recognises that some patients from MK and Northampton are closer to EMCHC. We are arranging for a team from Oxford to visit EMCHC to see the facilities and have the necessary discussions regarding appropriate referral.
Category 3	Doncaster	Yes

Choose an item.

Category	Trust	Letter received?
	Buckingham	No. We have received a letter from Buckingham Healthcare Trust who have declined to change their current referral pathways. Our plan only included a small area around Buckingham Cottage Hospital and did not include Stoke Mandeville patients, so we feel confident that the small number of patients this would deliver can easily be provided from our other hospitals.
	Stoke	Yes
	Milton Keynes	Yes We have spoken to MK team and they have agreed to refer as long as we liaise with Oxford in the process. We will ensure the MK team are also included in the visit to EMCHC by the Oxford team. We are also in dialogue with the MK fetal team to discuss opportunities for fetal referrals
	Bedford	No Bedford have said they are not happy to commit to a formal agreement due to the merger with Luton and Dunstable but adhoc referrals will continue from the team as appropriate based on patient choice
	Kings Lynn	No We have had dialogue with the Senior Paediatrician who is happy to facilitate referrals, especially as some of their patients come from well into our catchment area. They are discussing with the medical director and arranging for both clinical teams to meet to agree a more formal protocol.

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Dear John

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust acknowledges the benefits and supports the retention of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) as a Level 1 CHD centre within the East Midlands region. We are keen to ensure our patients are offered informed choice regarding their CHD surgical centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.

We recognise that we currently have an excellent relationship with EMCHC and, according to their figures, we believe that last year 47 cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery. Assuming EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre and based on current activity and forecast growth we think that it is reasonable to assume that further development of our relationship will help facilitate referrals to increase to 51 by 2021.

Yours sincerely

Jan Sobieraj (Mr)
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Dear John

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust acknowledges the benefits and supports the retention of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) as a Level 1 CHD centre within the East Midlands region. We are keen to ensure our patients are offered informed choice regarding their CHD surgical centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.

We recognise that we currently have an excellent relationship with EMCHC and last year 56 cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery. Assuming EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre, we think that it is reasonable to assume that further development of our relationship will help facilitate referrals to increase to 58 by 2021

Yours Sincerely



Chief Executive

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Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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 12 th September 2017	
 Dear John	
 Congenital Heart Disease Services	
 Thank you for your letter dated 8 th September 2017.	
 Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust acknowledges the benefits and supports the retention of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) as a Level 1 CHD centre within the East Midlands region. We are keen to ensure our patients are offered informed choice regarding their CHD surgical centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.	
 We recognise that we currently have an excellent relationship with EMCHC and last year 40 cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery. Assuming EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre, we think it is reasonable to assume that further development of our relationship will help facilitate referrals to increase to 44 by 2021; indeed this level may well be exceeded as a result of our planned merger with Burton Hospitals and the resulting alignment of clinical services for this enlarged catchment.	
 Yours sincerely	
	
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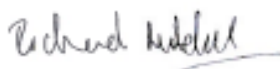
Dear John

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust acknowledges the benefits and supports the retention of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) as a Level 1 CHD centre within the East Midlands region. We are keen to ensure our patients are offered informed choice regarding their CHD surgical centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.

We recognise that we currently have an excellent relationship with EMCHC and last year 29 cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery. Assuming EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre, we think that it is reasonable to assume that further development of our relationship will help facilitate referrals to increase to 30 by 2021.

Yours sincerely



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<p>Mr John Adler Chief Executive University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Leicester Royal Infirmary Leicester LE1 5WW</p>		
<p>Dear John</p>		
<p>Congenital Heart Disease Services</p>		
<p>Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.</p>		
<p>As previously discussed and stated in my letter to you of 18th April 2017, we feel it is very important that the East Midlands retains a centre of excellence for congenital cardiac services, and critical that the ECMO service is retained. We continue to have an excellent relationship with Great Ormond Street Hospital for our congenital heart disease patients and can see no reason for us to alter this referral pathway until EMCHC meets all the current standards.</p>		
<p>We are very pleased to hear that your plans for co-location of EMCHC to the Children's Hospital at the Leicester Royal Infirmary are progressing well and have been accepted as appropriate by NHS England. Whilst we support the view of our clinical team with respect to the current provision for our CHD patients, it is our duty to explore options for the future. From July 2019, on the assumption that EMCHC is fully co-located with other children's services, we are happy to work with you to establish suitably agreed pathways and protocols, with appropriate information for our patients to be offered an informed choice. We agree with the assumptions in your growth plan that these discussions are likely to take some time to complete, and therefore it is likely that referrals based on patient choice from Northampton CHD patients will begin in 2020/2021.</p>		
<p>It is difficult to predict exactly the impact this new working relationship may deliver as activity levels differ each year. At present we estimate on average that we refer 20 patients per year to specialist centres and therefore we feel the assumption in your growth plan that 10 patients (approximately 50% of the expected surgical caseload) may choose to be treated and referred to EMCHC is appropriate.</p>		
<p>Yours sincerely</p>		
		
<p>Dr Sonia Swart Chief Executive</p>	<p>Dr Mike Cusack Medical Director</p>	

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11 September 2017

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.

Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust acknowledges the benefits and supports the retention of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) as a Level 1 CHD centre within the East Midlands region. We are keen to ensure our patients are offered informed choice regarding their CHD surgical centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.

We recognise that we currently have an excellent relationship with EMCHC and last year 24 cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery. Assuming EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre, we think that it is reasonable to assume that further development of our relationship will help facilitate referrals to increase to 25 by 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (INTERIM)

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14 September 2017

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Dear John

Congenital Heart Disease Service

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September. University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust has an established relationship with Birmingham University Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust for congenital heart disease referrals, and has done for many years. I note that two patients were referred from our Trust to the East Midlands congenital heart centre last year. We support the continued status of University Hospitals of Leicester as the East Midlands congenital heart centre, and where clinician or patient choice dictate, we will continue to see referrals to your service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Kemp'.

Mark Kemp
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Dear John		
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES		
Thank you for your letter dated 8 September 2017.		
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust notes that we have an established relationship with the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC). We are keen to ensure that our patients continue to have a choice of centre and will continue to work with the EMCHC team to facilitate this.		
We recognise that last year six cases were referred from this Trust to EMCHC for CHD surgery and assuming that EMCHC continues to be commissioned as a Level 1 CHD centre, we think it is reasonable to assume that through further development of our relationship this number will rise approximately 19 by 2021.		
Yours sincerely		
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MS HELEN SCOTT-SOUTH CHIEF EXECUTIVE		MAGNUS HARRISON MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust



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My clinicians would be very happy to meet with your clinical team to discuss how we might work together in the future and hope this increased support will aid your proposals to meet the NICE England standards for CHD services in England and enable your excellent services to remain available to the people of the East Midlands and beyond.

Yours sincerely



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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017 requesting that we consider the referral pathway for Congenital Heart Disease Services as one of the group of Hospitals where some of our patients are geographically closer to the East Midlands CHC than to any other Level 1 CHD centre.

As a referral is based upon a number of factors, including patient choice, clinical relationships and commissioning decisions, although the timescales for a response has been extremely tight, I have managed to seek some views including from the two Clinical Commissioning Groups Accountable Officers. As a result I can confirm that we would be happy for the relevant clinicians to work with the EMCHC team to build the necessary relationships to develop alternative referral pathways for those patients who live closest to EMCHC, recognising that this would increase choice for patients and their referrers.

We note that last year <10 cases were referred from the group of 9 Trusts referenced in the correspondence but we do not feel able to offer any accurate assessment on the impact on referrals to EMCHC of this work.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Parker

Chief Executive

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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<p>Dear John</p> <p>Apologies for our delay in response, as you know I was on holiday when your letter arrived. Having had the opportunity to discuss this with my team I can confirm that for many years the flows of our patients with Congenital Heart Disease have been to London and Oxford. We are happy with these arrangements and are not currently planning a review. Many thanks for your enquiry and I do wish you the best with your service review.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Dr Tina Kenny Medical Director</p>	
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University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

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Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.	
We understand that University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust is one of a group (detailed below) where some of our patients are geographically closer to EMCHC than to any other Level 1 CHD centre. Our current primary referral pathway is to another Level 1 centre. Whilst we value our current referral relationships, we would be very happy for our relevant clinicians to work with the EMCHC team to build the necessary relationships to develop alternative referral pathways for those patients who live closest and would wish to be referred there.	
Best wishes.	
	
PAULA CLARK CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
<u>Trusts where EMCHC is closest Level 1 CHD centre for some patients but primary network relationship is with another centre</u>	
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Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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<p><i>Dear John,</i></p> <p>RE: Congenital Heart Disease Service</p> <p>Thank you for your letter dated 8th September 2017.</p> <p>We understand that Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is one of a group (detailed below) where some of our patients are geographically closer to EMCHC than to any other Level 1 CHD centre. Our typical referral pathway is currently via Oxford University Hospitals. Whilst we value our current referral relationships, we would be very happy for our relevant clinicians to work with the EMCHC team to build the necessary relationships to develop alternative referral pathways for those patients who live closest to EMCHC, recognising that this will increase choice for patients and their referrers and assist with the future viability of the EMCHC.</p> <p>We would recommend that EMCHC approaches these discussions, in partnership with Oxford University Hospitals and its current network rather than individually.</p> <p>We note that that last year <10 cases were referred from this group of 9 Trusts to EMCHC for CHD surgery and we think it is reasonable to assume that the network development referenced above will see that number increase to between 40 – 50 cases by 2021.</p> <p><i>Best wishes,</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"> JOE HARRISON Chief Executive</td><td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"> DR IAN RECKLESS Medical Director</td></tr></table> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="text-align: center;"><p>WeCARE</p></div><div style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"><p>As a teaching hospital, we conduct education and research to improve healthcare for our patients. During your visit students may be involved in your care, or you may be asked to participate in a clinical trial. Please speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any queries.</p></div><div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"><p>Acting Chairman: Simon Lloyd Chief Executive: Joe Harrison</p></div></div>		 JOE HARRISON Chief Executive	 DR IAN RECKLESS Medical Director
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