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Dear Mandy

Thank you for sharing the Non Specialised Children’s Surgery Detailed Option Appraisal June 2016 with the Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. Following discussion of this report at our Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, you requested informal feedback on this draft to feed into the Stage 2 assurance of this work. It was agreed that a formal review was not required due to the previous commentary from the Senate on the case for change and service specification. In agreement of this informal approach this letter will not be published on the website.

The Senate agreed that the options appraisal provides a significant development in understanding the detail of the service model. The tiered approach, implemented through a Managed Clinical Network, has our full support. The Senate also supported the three hub model as the preferred option at this stage.

In our previous correspondence with you, one of our main concerns has been regarding the inclusion of Mid Yorkshire within this geography which raises questions about their pathways into their tertiary centre at Leeds, who are not part of this programme. Commissioners have previously acknowledged this risk and provided assurance that this issue was being addressed in the development of the proposals.

The issue of Mid Yorkshire remains one of our main concerns. There are discussions currently underway within the Mid Yorkshire geography regarding the centralisation of paediatric inpatients and the Senate would only agree the location of Pinderfields as a Tier 2 hub within your options if it is agreed as a major provider of paediatric surgical services within the West Yorkshire discussions. The Mid Yorkshire question needs to be answered by multiple CCGs and to also take into account the impact of the proposals for Halifax hospital within the Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield hospitals services model.

We had also previously sought assurance that the Northern Lincolnshire part of the geography had not been forgotten as it is not included within the Working Together footprint. We were not clear from the activity modelling within the option appraisal what assumptions had been made about that geography and their patient flows. The appraisal acknowledges that Chesterfield needs further consideration which the Senate agrees needs to happen promptly. The Senate agrees that there are potential capacity issues with this option that need further detailed consideration.

Overall, the Senate agreed that good progress has been made in developing the service model but more clarity is needed on the assumptions about patient flows and activity regarding the boundary issues with Northern Lincolnshire, Chesterfield and Mid Yorkshire.

We have enjoyed working with you on these proposals and are happy to assist in any further developments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Welsh', with a small blue mark below it.

**Chris Welsh**  
**Senate Chair**  
**NHS England – North**  
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