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Clerk of the Council and Chief Executive



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Town Clerk & Chief Executive
South Dublin County Council
County Hall
Tallaght
Dublin 24

Dear Sir/Madam

FUTURE OF PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Please find attached letter to the Minister for Health which the Council at its meeting on 12 November 2012 agreed to circulate to all Councils in Northern Ireland and all County Councils in the South of Ireland and to seek their support in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Director of Corporate Services
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Edwin Poots
Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety
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Dear Mr Poots

FUTURE OF PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

As its meeting on 12 November 2012 the Council discussed the review into the children's congenital heart service in Northern Ireland.

Members expressed concern that if the service was relocated to the mainland it would place an unacceptable pressure and hardship on sick children and their families who were already undergoing a traumatic experience without the added pressure of having to travel for treatment.

It was therefore agreed to write to you and request that you ensure paediatric cardiac services are retained in Northern Ireland or, if they are to be relocated, that in the first instance the establishment of an all-Ireland paediatric cardiac service is considered as such a service within Ireland would help to ease the travel burden on both sick children and their families.

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Alison White
Assistant Director of Corporate Services
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