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Dear Helen and Sarah

**Re: York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust RCPCH Invited review Sept 16**

You will be aware that we invited the RCPCH to review our whole Paediatric acute service in 2016. Their report was published in September 16

There was concern about continuity of medical cover to the neonatal unit and one of the urgent recommendations was to *"Agree with the Neonatal Operational Delivery Network whether a temporary re designation to 30 weeks gestation is appropriate"*.

This we did from November 17 and began to work through the recommendations including introduction of twice daily safety huddles, improved escalation and improvements in NLS training for junior doctors responding to delivery suite calls.

I'm delighted to say that following recruitment of three new acute consultants we have, from 5/2/18, been able to provide a Neonatologist of the week, as well as acute Paediatrician of the week, allowing continuity of medical care and handover as well as focussed teaching for the junior staff

The weekend remains covered by just one consultant.

I am confident all of the RCPCH recommendations have been met and including strengthening the Paediatric clinical leadership with a deputy Clinical Director on each site and establishment of the Children and Young Person Board chaired by our Chief Executive to champion children's issues.

We are pleased therefore to be able to offer a full LNU service from 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

We will continue to work with the Yorkshire and Humber Operational delivery Network to ensure this runs smoothly.

Yours sincerely



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