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Dear Tracy

**Re: Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)**

I am writing in relation to considerations regarding the commissioning and provision of PCI services, and specifically the lack of availability of such services in Peterborough City Hospital to residents of South Lincolnshire. This matter, which I understand has been under consideration in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough system for some time, has recently been brought to my attention due to a serious incident having occurred.

I understand that North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (NWAFT) are not currently commissioned to provide PCI and associated cardiology procedures, despite their aspiration to do so, and that this service is currently commissioned from Papworth for South Lincolnshire patients admitted to Peterborough City Hospital. We have noted that subsequent access to the beds in Papworth is very problematic, resulting in patients facing delays, and receiving a level of care which is less than we would want for them. Plans for the future of Papworth Hospital would appear to exacerbate this situation.

I understand that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP describes that some cardiology services will in future be provided at NWAFT. South Lincolnshire fully supports this proposal as we believe it will improve the quality of patient experience, reduce potential harm, reduce delays and cost and significantly alter travel time for our patients and their families.

It would be helpful to understand the timescales for this move, and what steps can be taken to address concerns raised and the associated timescales.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Turner', written over a horizontal line.

John Turner  
Chief Officer  
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cc: Stephen Graves, CEO, NWAFT  
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