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Dear Cllr Fatemian,

Referral of the permanent closure of consultant-led maternity services at the Horton General Hospital Formal referral under Regulation 23(9) of the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013

Thank you for your letter of 30 August referring to me the permanent closure of consultant-led maternity services at Horton General Hospital. I am today writing to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) asking them to undertake an initial assessment of your referral.

Should the IRP advise me that a full review is necessary, you will have the chance to present your case to them in full.

I have asked the Panel to report to me no later than Friday 9th February.

I am copying this letter to The Lord Ribeiro, Chair of the IRP.

I have written in similar terms to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Yours sincerely
Jeremy Hunt
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