



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Response from the Minister re: Notice of Motion - Congenital Cardiac Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Friday 7th December 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr Stephen McCrory, DSM, Ext 6314
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Mr Jim Hanna SDSO, Ext 6313

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	<p>The Committee will recall that the Council, at its meeting on 1st November, passed the following Notice of Motion:</p> <p>“This Council calls on the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety to assure parents that the future service model for paediatric congenital cardiac services will prioritise the needs of their children; and further calls on the Minister to explore fully an all-island solution with his counterpart, Dr James Reilly.”</p>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p>Correspondence has been received from the Minister (copy attached) indicating that no decision has yet been reached on the provision of paediatric cardiac surgical services for the population of Northern Ireland and the consultation was still ongoing.</p>
2.2	<p>The Minister has also stated that, in parallel with the consultation process, the Health and Social Care Board will continue to complete a robust analysis of the current transport arrangements for children including those with congenital cardiac disease to determine the best way to deliver these services.</p>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	None associated with report.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
4.1	None associated with this report.

<b>.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The Committee is asked to note receipt of the correspondence.

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Officer responsible – Mr Jim Hanna.	

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Copy of letter from the Minister.	