Update from the Outside Body Appointee for the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire - Overview Committee 9th December 2025

North Lincolnshire Council has responded after receiving a letter from the Minister of State for Health confirming that the Government will not intervene in the NHS Humber Acute Services review – despite admitting that concerns have been rightly raised about the impact on residents.

The review proposes removing some critical hospital services from Scunthorpe, forcing patients to travel to Grimsby or Hull for care they should be able to access locally.

Cllr Rob Waltham, leader, North Lincolnshire Council, said: “Residents will be furious – and rightly so. The Government had a clear opportunity to stand up for people in North Lincolnshire and protect vital NHS services. They recognised the risks, they saw the warnings, and yet they have chosen to walk away.

“That is nothing short of abandoning local people at a time when the health service is already under immense strain.”