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Dear Mr Selbie

Members of the Brighton & Hove Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) have noted with concern recent media reports of problems with city Breast Cancer screening services. (See for example, The Brighton & Hove Argus: June 12, 2009.)

A particular worry is the allegation that women in Brighton & Hove have, on average, to wait much longer for screening services than do women in West Sussex or nationally.

HOSC members are eager to ascertain whether the position in Brighton & Hove is as bad as has been suggested. If there are serious problems with breast cancer screening services, members are also keen to learn why these problems have been allowed to develop and what steps are being taken to bring about an immediate improvement in these services.

The next HOSC meeting takes place on 08 July 2009 (with a deadline for the publication of the committee agenda and papers of 29 June 2009). If at all possible, I would appreciate a response from your trust in time for this meeting.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Garry Peltzer Dunn
Chairman, Brighton & Hove Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

