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**Subject:** FW: Your correspondence of 9 January

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**Sent:** 07 February 2018 14:32  
**To:** Gould, Tina (S,G&C)  
**Subject:** Your correspondence of 9 January

Our ref: DE-1117702

Dear Ms Gould,

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 January about Bradwell Hospital, following Staffordshire County Council's referral to the Secretary of State of 11 January 2017. I have been asked to reply and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

As you are aware, the Department has previously indicated that the Council's referral was under consideration. However, Departmental officials have decided not to officially refer this case to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP), as the issue of the closure of wards at Bradwell Hospital was covered in another IRP referral.

The IRP published its advice on that referral on 19 December, and it is available by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/669539/IRP\\_Stoke-on-Trent\\_referral\\_advice\\_18.10.17.doc](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/669539/IRP_Stoke-on-Trent_referral_advice_18.10.17.doc)

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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