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## Dear patient,

We are writing to update you on the steps that the NHS is taking to secure a new surgical provider for your gender affirmation surgery. We're pleased to say that the tendering exercise is now in its final stages and we will share details of the new provider with you in due course.

The key priority throughout this process has been ensuring that potential new providers are thoroughly vetted as having the necessary skills and expertise and the necessary hospital infrastructure to safely deliver the service. The NHS are are also asking new providers to support them in developing and training more new surgeons so that we can increase clinical capacity and have a more resilient service in the future.

We will be back in touch as soon as a provider has been appointed and we are ready to pass your referral to them.

Yours sincerely

GDNRSS Team NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit