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Leicestershire & Lincolnshire

## STATEMENT

## ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL BUSINESS CASE

NHS England is a new organisation and this is a new process. NHS England (Leicestershire & Lincolnshire) received East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group's re-submitted business case on 16 August 2013 and the national guidance on this new approval process shortly before. In line with the national guidance, NHS England (Leicestershire & Lincolnshire) must assure that robust and viable plans, including financial affordability, are in place before this development moves ahead and we are committed to doing this by 25 September 2013. Following this local process the business case will then need to be considered at a regional and national level within NHS England before final approval can be granted.

### **ENDS**

#### Note to editors

- NHS England (formerly known as the NHS Commissioning Board) is the new body which leads the NHS in England. Its main aim is to improve the health outcomes for people in England, and it will set the overall direction and priorities for the NHS as a whole.
- NHS England also has a direct commissioning responsibility for securing the services of family doctors, dentists and other related services in primary care.