

# **Audit Scotland must investigate Sick Kids hospital scandal**

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The Scottish Conservatives have called for Audit Scotland to undertake a full audit into the building of the Sick Kids hospital in Edinburgh after fresh concerns over the safety of the new hospital were raised by senior union official, Tam Waterson.

Mr Waterson has revealed that there are still major worries over drainage as well as ventilation, and questioned the competence of the current Health Secretary Jeane Freeman.

## **Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative shadow health secretary said;**

"The new Sick Kids hospital was meant to provide world-class state of the art care facilities for children across Edinburgh and the east of Scotland.

"Instead, it's been a complete farce from the start and, judging by these warnings, things could get even worse.

"The contract not just with the Sick Kids but the whole Little France has been an unmitigated disaster.

"This has unravelled on the SNP government's watch, and it needs to start taking responsibility.

"Scottish Conservatives have called for full transparency around the project and called on the Health and Sport Committee to undertake an enquiry into the project.

"I have today also written to Audit Scotland to ask them to undertake a full audit of the Sick Kids project and the contracts and specifications commission on the hospital.

"Jeane Freeman and the SNP Scottish Government management of this situation looks totally incompetent with the Health Secretary being blown along the road by the latest scandals and revelations on the quality of the construction.

"SNP Ministers need to get a grip and show some leadership. Children and families depend on it and deserve better than this."