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The major proposals for reorganisation put forward by H4NEL were not accepted by all the authorities in the area and were referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) by the Secretary of State.

The IRP held a local enquiry recently and its report is now awaited.

As far as Essex is concerned, there are two major concerns, which have been reported to the IRP. These are:

- urgent improvements are needed to the performance and reputation of Queens Hospital in Romford, which is used by a number of Essex residents.
 - upgraded transport links are required if the number of facilities available to Essex residents is diminished.
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