**To:**

[*This letter should be sent by email to the ward on which the child is being treated, and copied to the hospital’s medical director’s office and/or legal department and/or the office of the chief executive of the trust. If you are not able to obtain the relevant email addresses, you should print a hard copy of the letter and hand it to a member of staff on the ward.]*

**URGENT - [*insert name of child and their date of birth here*]**

I am writing in respect of [*name of child*] who is currently a patient at [*name of hospital including, if possible, the name of the ward*].

[*Include a short summary here of the date of admission to hospital and the circumstances of their admission*].

I understand that [*name of child*]’s treating team wish to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining medical treatment and that [*name of child*] should be allowed to die. I wish to make it clear that [*I*] [we], as [*name of child*]*’s [mother/father/parents]* do not agree to this course of action and consider that active treatment is in [*name of the child*]’s best interests.

[So far as I am aware, no second opinion has yet been sought from an expert from outside of the hospital. If such an opinion has been sought, please provide me with the details of this. If not, we would wish to request that a second opinion is sought and we would wish to be consulted about the identity of the clinician providing the second opinion.]

I am aware the treating team will be following clinical and legal guidelines and the link to the framework is here: <https://adc.bmj.com/content/100/Suppl_2/s1>.

If you wish to proceed to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining medical treatment then please make an application to the High Court for a declaration on the lawfulness of your decision to withdraw such treatment.

I confirm that we would be willing to engage in mediation in respect of this dispute.

In the circumstances, I therefore request that you confirm in writing that you will not take any steps to withhold or withdraw life sustaining treatment from [*name of child*] without first seeking authority from a judge of the High Court to do so. Please provide this confirmation as a matter of urgency, and by no later than [*XXam/pm*] [*today/tomorrow*].

Yours sincerely