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Dear Colleagues

REBUILDING HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Following on from my commitment to update you all following the weekly meeting of the Management Board, please find below my update, following the Management Board meeting on Wednesday 02 December 2020, which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an update on the 2020/2021 Transformation Programme. , Continued close monitoring of the Transformation fund will inform and support investment in future years. An evaluation process is ongoing which will consider the effectiveness and sustainability of how transformation projects are supporting the response to the pandemic in parallel with supporting rebuilding of HSC Services.

The Board also received a positive update on the 'Test of Change' project, regarding the availability and use of surgical capacity at the South West Acute Hospital (SWAH). A three phased plan has been developed to deliver regional elective services at SWAH, with Phases 1 and 2 currently underway. The Board will continue to monitor the provision of elective services at SWAH.

The Board further received an overview of a draft Project Initiation Document (PID) to develop a new regionalised approach for Intermediate Care across Northern Ireland. The aim of the project is to improve outcomes for patients who receive intermediate care services to ensure that people are supported to lead the best life possible. The Board will be asked to approve a final PID in the coming weeks.

The Board also noted updates in relation to Cancer Rebuild, Restoration of Screening services, the Whiteabbey Nightingale facility and General Medical services.

I trust that you find this update helpful and I look forward to our continuing discussion on the vitally important work of rebuilding HSC services in the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Swann', with a stylized, cursive script.

Robin Swann MLA
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