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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 09 December 2020, which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an update on the programme of Delivering Together Transformation Service Reviews. An updated programme of service reviews was proposed, subject to the availability of resources. The Board agreed that the proposals would be submitted to me for consideration.

The Board received an overview of the October 2020 performance report against the forecast volumes of activity as set out in the data annex to the Trusts' Phase 3 Rebuilding Plans. The Board will continue to monitor the volumes of additional activity for Phase 3.

The Board also received an update on the progress of the No More Silos Network and the implementation of the 10 Key Actions from the Urgent and Emergency Care review. Urgent Care Centres have rolled out in Belfast and Craigavon, and the 'Phone First' assessment service has been established in the Northern and Southern Trust areas. Initial positive feedback has been received. The Management Board will continue to monitor progress.

Following discussion at last week's meeting, the Management Board approved the Project Initiation Document which aims to develop a new regionalised approach for Intermediate Care across Northern Ireland.

The Board also noted updates in relation to Orthopaedics, Hospital Visiting and Mental Health.

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
Minister of Health

