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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 13 January 2021, which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an overview of November 2020 Trust activity levels across a range of services.

The Board also discussed likely volumes of activity for the period January-March 2021. The Board agreed to monitor and review following any easing of the current surge.

The Board also received an update on the Nightingale facility at Whiteabbey. There has been very positive patient feedback to date which is a testament to all involved in the project.

The Board also received a presentation on surge planning for Enhanced Respiratory Support and Critical Care across Trusts. Due to the expected higher levels of demand for the third surge, planning has involved ensuring maximum oxygen supply to all Trust sites. This means that at a regional level there is sufficient oxygen capacity to meet anticipated demand.

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,



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**Minister of Health**

