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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 17 February 2021, which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an update on the draft budget position in the context of the NI Executive's ongoing public consultation.

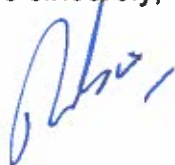
The Board also received an overview on the current pressures in Intensive Care Units (ICU), along with proposed principles to underpin a regional approach to ICU de-escalation and the rebuilding of elective care if current trends continue.

The Board received an overview of the HSCB Migration Project which has been undertaking the preparatory steps required to ensure a smooth and seamless transition upon HSCB closure. A Project Board has been established to take forward the initial phase of developing and implementing an agreed Integrated Care Model System (ICS) for planning, managing and delivering services. In addition Members received an update on a Costing Review Project.

Finally Board Members received a written update on the Nightingale Facility at Whiteabbey Hospital where the number of beds has increased from 23 to 28.

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