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## **REBUILDING HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

Following on from my commitment to update you all after the meetings of the Management Board, please find below my update from the meeting held on Wednesday 25 August 2021.

The Board considered a paper on the Medicines Optimisation Regional Efficiency (MORE) Programme. The update included NI formulary compliance, generic prescribing, biosimilar medicines, over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, specials, medication reviews, nutritional prescribing and stoma appliances.

The Board received an overview of the Phase 6 Trust Delivery Plans for September 2021. The overview included comparisons with 2019 activity volumes and the challenges posed by the current surge of COVID-19.

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 faithfully,

**Robin Swann MLA**  
**Minister of Health**