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Dear Colleagues

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 26 May 2021.

A Health and Social Care Quality Improvement (HSCQI) Service Delivery Innovation presentation was delivered to the Board, providing an update on progress to date and proposed next steps.

The Board also received further detail from HSCB on the activity projections related to Trust Phase 5 Rebuild Plans for the three month period April to June 2021. These are very important documents and I've tasked senior officials in the Department, the Health and Social Care Board and Health and Social Care Trusts to be as innovative and ambitious as possible. Our waiting times were appalling before the pandemic and unfortunately they are only worse now. I expect new ways of working, boundaries to be pushed and any old barriers and obstacles to be broken down.

Over the coming weeks and months the focus on the system will only increase further so it's important that we continue to take every possible step to ensure that we are meeting the needs of as many people as possible as quickly as possible.

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.



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