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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 2 September 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an updated report on the progress of individual Trust plans against the actions outlined in the 'Urgent and Emergency Care No More Silos Action Plan'. The Board approved the formal establishment of a 'No More Silo's Network' to deliver Key Actions arising from the Urgent & Emergency Care Review.

The Board were also presented with a proposal for a 'Surge Strategic Framework'. The Framework provides the context for Trust Surge Plans which will be developed in line with the principles set out in the Framework. It is intended that stakeholders will have an opportunity to consider the draft Framework prior to finalising.

The Board received a paper on a proposed process for consultation and engagement where the implementation of changes to regional services is being led by individual Trusts. Members approved the approach and welcomed the proposed role for the Patient Client Council in partnership with PHA, DoH and Trusts.

The Board also received an updated report on the Digital Workplace Programme which set out the benefits of moving towards cloud-based provision. Members strongly supported this approach.

Finally, the Board received an updated report on the progress of the Orthopaedics Network Board which is due to have its first meeting on 9th September. The Network Board's next step is to establish a number of workstreams to take forward and progress the implementation of the plans outlined in the Rebuilding Blueprint.

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', written in a cursive style.

Robin Swann MLA
Minister for Health

