

**From the Permanent Secretary  
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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 the Minister's update following the Management Board meeting on Wednesday 05 August 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an update on Orthopaedics following publication of the Blueprint on 28 July and noted that letters have issued to the Chief Executives for nominations to join the Orthopaedic network. The Board also received an update on Daycase Elective Care Centres and were advised that co-chairs for the Regional Network Board have been identified. The Board was also advised that further work is being undertaken on Urgent and Emergency Care, and that an interim Regional Urgent and Emergency care network has been established.

The Board received an overview of the finance position and were advised that the Department is commissioning an in-year Covid-19 funding exercise, both to review existing Covid-19 spending forecasts and to identify any future Covid-19 funding requirements arising from surge planning and rebuilding.

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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