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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 Rebuilding Management Board meeting on Wednesday 08 July 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board considered Trust Plans, for the three month period of July to September 2020, on rebuilding HSC Services. It was agreed that the Trust Plans should be published, alongside a contextual paper and an annex outlining projected activity for this period.

The Board received an overview of the current workforce challenges which illustrated the fatigue, stress and mental health related absences across the HSC workforce.

The Board also considered proposals on the restoration of screening programmes which were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges faced in restoring those services. The Board agreed that detailed proposals would be submitted to me for my consideration.



The Board also received an overview of the Service Delivery Innovation workstream. This is identifying innovations and changes in the way services are provided and will determine which of those are suitable to be scaled up on a regional basis.

The Board also received an overview of the proposed funding and approvals process, both in terms of temporary and permanent funding requirements, for surge planning and rebuilding. The current challenging funding position faced by the Department was noted.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Robin Swann', is positioned above the printed name.

Robin Swann MLA
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