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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 23 September 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board considered proposals contained in the draft Implementation Plan and Terms of Reference which set out the remit and membership of the new Regional Day Procedure Network Board for the Regional Day Procedure Centre (DPC) at Lagan Valley Hospital. The Board agreed that a final Implementation Plan should be submitted for consideration.

The Board received an overview of the Surge Plans developed by the Trusts to address operational resilience for winter pressures and for any subsequent waves of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020/2021 alongside Phase 3 Trust Rebuilding Plans for 01 October to 31 December 2020. A final iteration of these plans is to be submitted to the Board for consideration next week. They will then be submitted to me for my consideration.

The Board also received an update on the restoration of population screening programmes which were paused as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and noted positive progress on the restoration of services across all of the paused screening programmes.

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,

Robin Swann MLA
Minister for Health