

## FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH



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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 21 October 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board received an overview of the Health and Social Care Workforce Strategy 2026 - Development of Second Action Plan (2021 – 2023). The key objectives of the second phase of the workforce strategy are Education and Training; Strategic workforce planning and the Health and Well-being of the workforce. Going forward, sustainable funding will be key to implementing workforce recommendations.

The Board also received an overview of the 2020/21 Transformation Programme, £94.4m has been committed through the Transformation Programme for this year; including £44m ring fenced funding. Continued monitoring and evaluation of the funding to deliver the Transformation Programme will inform and support potential investment in future years.

The Board also received an update on interim arrangements for the stabilisation of surgical services in SWAH. A number of options are currently being assessed. The Management Board will continue to keep these options under review as they progress.

The Board also received an update on the flu vaccination programme. An increased uptake of the vaccine this year has put pressure on the supply chain. Requisitioning stock from central stores continues at pace.

The Board were advised that the Major Trauma network board would be activating the Major Trauma protocol from Monday.

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**  
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