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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 26 August 2020 which considered a range of issues.

The Board received a verbal update on the progress of the Intermediate Care project, a plan to develop more home based care. A formal proposal will be submitted to the Board in two weeks.

The Board received an update report on the performance to date by Trusts against the three month rebuilding plans for July to September. The current performance will be used as valuable learning for the next 3 month iteration of plans covering October to December.

The Board also received a proposal on Data Analytics and an approach to data driven evaluation which will assist the rebuilding process going forward. Valuable learning from the Covid-19 pandemic has been harnessed which will be used to inform decision making going forward.

The Board also received a presentation from the Chief Scientific Officer on the Covid-19 pandemic. This included scenarios regarding a potential second wave and actions to scale up testing to allow services to continue to come back on stream.

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**