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REVIEW BODY ON DOCTORS' AND DENTISTS' REMUNERATION REMIT 2017/18

I wish to begin by conveying my thanks to the Review Body on Doctors and Dentists Remuneration (DDRB) for its work on the 2016/17 pay round and to offer my apologies for the delay in submitting last year's remit and evidence. My Department values the work of the pay review body and its important role in making recommendations on the remuneration of doctors and dentist taking part in the NHS/HSC.

I write to confirm the approach of my Department in respect of the DDRB 2017/18 remit and would advise that it is our intention to submit evidence for the pay round before the end of September 2016 and to seek recommendations by mid February 2017 on remuneration for salaried doctors and dentists employed in Health and Social Care (HSC).

For GDP and GMP contractors, the DDRB are invited to make recommendations on remuneration and my Department would also welcome your views as to how an overall pay uplift could be applied.

The NI Executive has endorsed the principle of adherence to the UK Government's public sector pay policy and, therefore, any proposal will be constrained by calls for continued pay restraint and indeed the continuing financial challenges within HSC.

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I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Health in England, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport in Scotland and the Minister for Health, Social Services in Wales and Staff Side representatives.

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