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Keith McBride
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Committee for Health

Dear Keith

RE: The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill

In your letter dated 13th December you asked for the following:

“further information on the costs associated with the security measures taken at clinics as a result of ongoing protests and for information on the costs incurred as a result of the relocation of services to alternative Trust premises in response to ongoing protests”

In response to your request, I can confirm that within the Western Health & Social Care Trust there has been no additional costs incurred in relation to security measures at clinics as a result of ongoing protests.

Although the long-term strategic plan is to move these services to the Gynaecological Ward at Altnagelvin Hospital, the service is not being provided at present due to staff absence.

A meeting has been arranged in the New Year to discuss how the Trust will provide this service going forward. As part of the process a regional plan has been developed outlining the resources required to provide a commissioned EMA service.

Yours sincerely



Mr Neil Guckian
Chief Executive