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Dear *Colm,*

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April 2021 regarding the Health and Social Care Bill.

Following on from your recent briefing session with the Chairperson and Chief Executive of the HSC Board on 29 April 2021, you have requested further written briefing in relation to new commissioning structures.

It is worth noting that a response to your previous correspondence on this matter (Your Ref: C106/21) was issued on the 28 April 2021.

In relation to your current request, officials are in the process of finalising more detailed draft proposals for the future planning model in NI for my consideration and I expect to receive these proposals in the coming weeks.

I will ensure that more detailed information on the future planning model is provided to Committee members in advance of Consideration Stage to assist in their scrutiny of the Health and Social Care Bill.

My officials will be happy to further brief the Committee on the proposals at that point should Committee members deem it to be useful.

Yours sincerely


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Minister of Health



Committee for Health

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30 April 2021

Dear Wendy,

The Health and Social Care Bill

The Health Committee was briefed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive of the Health and Social Care Board at its meeting on 29 April on the Bill which provides for the dissolution of the Regional Board and the transfer of its functions.

I wish to advise you that the Committee sought assurances from the HSCB Chief Executive today, which were given, that the Committee would be provided with a written briefing on the new commissioning structures imminently. The Committee would appreciate receipt of this briefing as soon as possible to assist its consideration of the Bill.

This follows the Committee's earlier request (Our Ref: C106/21) on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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