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**SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST  
COMMENTS ON HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BILL**

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The Trust welcomes the bringing forward of the requisite legislation through the Health & Social Care Bill to effect the changes announced back in 2016 on the closure of the Health & Social Care Board.

The Trust will play an active role in supporting development of new commissioning arrangements and it will be important to ensure local need and input to this process is maintained.

Looking to the future of any further organisational structure changes necessary to effect the changes included in this bill it will also be important to ensure the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic in particular the need for agile planning, ensuring professional voices are listened to, drive 'strategic' change and that HSC system level 'outcomes' for the population are the key measures of success. Furthermore it will also be important to have clear and transparent accountability arrangements within the system to deliver the benefits anticipated from the Health & Social Care Bill.

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