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Dear Peter,

Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into Access to General Practice in Northern Ireland

At its meeting on 27 February 2025, the Committee heard evidence from the Patient Client Council, British Medical Association and Royal College of General Practitioners. In response to the evidence heard, the Committee would like to request some further information to inform the forthcoming evidence session on 6 March.

Please could you provide the Committee with costings in relation to Trust run practices with a breakdown of costings for salaried GPs and also locum GPs under Trust management?

The Committee would also like clarification on what the relationship is between primary and secondary care with regard to Encompass; whether there is any potential to use Encompass for E prescribing and if there are plans do so in the short or long-term future?

I appreciate this request has a very short timescale, but would be grateful if you could respond by email using the address above by **Wednesday 5 March**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', with a small flourish at the end.

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee