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Dear Peter

Thank you for attending to provide evidence to the Committee's inquiry into '*Access on General Practice in Northern Ireland*' on 6 March 2025, Members appreciated you taking the time to respond to their questions.

During the session you undertook to provide further information and documentation in respect of a number of queries raised. Members would be grateful if you could now provide:

- A summary of actions taken by the Department against recommendations made in in NIAO report: Access to General Practice Services in Northern Ireland
- Details of any statistics that the Department may hold in respect of patient attendances to A&E, which would have been more appropriate for the care of a GP.
- Details of cancer diagnoses to demonstrate whether there is any evidence of delays in diagnosis due to delays experienced in accessing GPs.
- Details of the number of GPs that have handed back contracts and returned to the same practice into locum or salaried positions.
- A breakdown of costs for locums
- Details of the number of full-time equivalent GPs currently working in Northern Ireland.

- Further information on the GP workforce and outcome of Practice team surveys when this becomes available.

Please respond by email using the address above by Friday, 28 March 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', followed by a small horizontal flourish.

**Daniel McCrossan**  
**Chairperson**  
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