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Dear Colleagues

### **HSC Staff Recognition Payment**

You will be aware of the Minister for Health Robin Swann's announcement to pay £500 to HSC staff in recognition of the contribution to the delivery of health and social care services during the unique and unprecedented challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Those employees who are on the HSC payroll across NI will be receiving the payment this month (July 2021). Unfortunately, due to the complexities involved in calculating and processing the payments for those staff not on the HSC payroll it will take more time to both establish the number of eligible staff that meet the criteria, and to establish payment methods with employers and agencies. Those eligible staff not on the HSC payroll will receive their recognition payment as soon as practicably possible and work to expedite this is ongoing.

Please be assured that the delay in the payment to those staff not on HSC payroll is in no way a reflection of the tremendous dedication which staff have shown and continue to show during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further communication will follow when the process has been finalised, in the meantime may I thank you for your patience and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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