

Deputy Tom Binet
Minister for Health and Social Services

BY EMAIL

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Public Accounts Committee and Health and Social Security Panel Revised Terms of Reference for the Proposed Health and Care Partnership Board

Dear Minister,

We write jointly in our capacities as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and Chair of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel following the recent consultation on the establishment of the proposed Health and Care Partnership Board.

As the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Board have now been revised following consultation, we would be grateful if you could provide further detail on several important matters to ensure transparency and effective scrutiny:

Incorporation of Stakeholder Feedback

Could you please outline how stakeholder feedback from the recent consultation has been incorporated into the revised ToR and specifically how the revised version differs from that distributed during the consultation?

Children's Health as a Board Priority?

We seek assurance that children's rights and children's health will be explicitly prioritised by the Board. How will this be ensured in practice? Specifically, will there be a dedicated representative focused on children's rights, who is not a government appointee, to provide independent oversight and advocacy?

Addressing Health Inequalities

Health inequalities remain a pressing concern. Could you provide detail on how the Board intends to identify, monitor, and address health inequalities within its remit?

Governance Structure and Conflict of Interest Management

Please provide further information on the proposed governance structure of the Board, including accountability mechanisms. Additionally, how will the Board identify and manage conflicts of interest and vested interests to maintain integrity and public confidence?

Best Practice Models

What models or frameworks from other jurisdictions or organisations have informed the design of this Board? Understanding these examples will assist us in assessing the Board's potential effectiveness.

Support for Allied Health Professionals

Finally, we would appreciate details on what support mechanisms will be established to facilitate meaningful and well-governed involvement of Allied Health Professionals in Board activities, including the process for selecting AHP representatives.



Could you also provide the projected versus actual total expenditure for the Health Advisory Board for 2023 and 2024, and projected expenditure for 2025.

We recognise the importance of this new Board in shaping the future of health and care services and look forward to your comprehensive response to these points.

We would be grateful if you could provide your response in writing by Wednesday 18th June, after which we may request a public hearing or further briefings on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Deputy Louise Doublet

Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel