

**From the Permanent Secretary
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Dear Professor Curran

I am writing to formally commence the 2019/20 pay round for doctors and dentists in Northern Ireland and to submit my Department's evidence. I wish to begin by thanking the Review Body for Doctors' and Dentists Remuneration (DDRb) for its invaluable work on the 2018/19 pay round.

On 22 November 2018, the Department of Finance (DoF) set Northern Ireland's [public sector pay policy for 2018/19](#). Doctors' and dentists' pay in Northern Ireland, however, is yet to be determined. This will be considered in the context of the public sector pay policy and continued budgetary pressures.

This year we would welcome, for consideration, your recommendations on pay for all doctors and dentists working within health and social care in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely



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