

**From the Permanent Secretary
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Dear Ms Hird

I am writing to submit my Department's evidence to the Pay Review Body, to assist you in the task of providing recommendations for Northern Ireland in relation to the 2018/19 pay round.

I wish to advise that the Department of Finance has agreed that the 2016/17 Public Sector Pay Policy that was set by the previous Finance Minister, will continue to apply in 2017/18. This, in keeping with the overarching HM Treasury policy on UK public sector pay this year, will limit pay increases to 1 per cent. This determination, announced on 13 December, together with the recent allocation of £26million, now allows the Department of Health to implement the 1% pay award for health and social care workers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Pay Review Body for the important work that you continue to carry out in making independent, evidence-based recommendations on Agenda for Change pay awards.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Health in England, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport in Scotland, the Minister for Health, Social Services in Wales, and Staff Side representatives.

Yours sincerely

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