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Dear Chustopher.

I am writing to formally commence the 2020/21 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 2019/20 pay round.

On 31 October 2019, the Department of Finance (DoF) set Northern Ireland's <u>Public Sector Pay Policy for 2019/20</u>. Doctors' and dentists' pay in Northern Ireland for 2019/20, however, is yet to be determined. This continues to 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

Robin Swann MLA Minister for Health