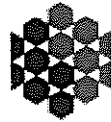


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Suzanne, a chara

Thank you for your letter of the 24 June, outlining how the Belfast City Council envisages its role of as it seeks to work in partnership with central government.

The provision of Health and Social Care throughout the north is of vital importance to everyone. I therefore very much appreciate the Council's interest in, and willingness to be involved in, ensuring that our citizens get the best care possible.

I would expect to visit all Council areas during my tenure as Minister and have already attended a number of health and social care events and initiatives throughout the North, meeting those providing services, those benefiting from those services and a wide range of interested public representatives from right across the political spectrum.

I have found these meetings very helpful as I continue keep myself abreast of the many health and social care issues for which I have responsibility.

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Vicki, a chara

Thank you for your invitation to meet with the Chief Executive to discuss mental health and waiting lists. I appreciate your ongoing interest in these matters.

I have already visited the Belfast area several times during my current tenure and will no doubt do so again. One of my recent visits was to cut the first sod for the new acute mental health inpatient unit at the Belfast City Hospital site. This modern facility will offer high standards of treatment and evidence-based interventions for the people of Belfast, working with individuals and their families towards recovery in a specially designed, therapeutic environment and is a further step on the road to a fully modernised mental health service here.

I look forward to your ongoing support as I strive to improve health and social care services throughout the North of Ireland.

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