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Dear Ms Donnelly

Your letter dated 29 December 2020 to the Health Minister, Robin Swann MLA and has been passed to me for reply.

May I refer you to the Minister's announcement on 27 January 2021 of a special recognition payment of £2,000 to all qualifying healthcare students who have been on specified preregistration programmes over the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021. The qualifying courses are the nursing and midwifery, AHP, Social Work and Physician Associate preregistration programmes commissioned by my Department from Queen's University Belfast and the Ulster University.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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