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Dear *Henry,*

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Health and Social Care Workers pay.

My Department is in receipt of the recently published 34th NHS Pay Review Body Report and the 49th Report of the Review Body for Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration, which both recommend a 3% uplift in the salaries of relevant staff from April 2021.

I have already written to Trade Unions, to outline that I have fully accepted the pay recommendations set out in the reports.

The funding held by my Department, however, does not go far enough to meet the recommendations of the Pay Review Bodies. Further, the Treasury has confirmed that it will not be providing any additional funding for the pay uplifts to NHS England. As a result, there will be no additional funding coming to Northern Ireland through the Barnett Formula for these awards.

I have already written to my colleague, the Minister of Finance, who has indicated that he will support my request for Executive in-year monitoring to help fund the recommended uplifts for this year via the October monitoring round.

Yours sincerely

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