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Dear Marie

**SUSPENSION OF ANNUAL CARE PLAN REVIEWS – NURSING AND  
RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES**

I wish to confirm that as from the today, 2nd April 2020, the Department is suspending the requirements under Paragraph 27 of Circular HSC (ECCU) 1/2010 for the need to complete routine Annual Reviews of residents in Nursing and Residential Care Homes. This suspension will be for a period of three months initially and will subject to review at that time.

Taking account of this suspension, Trusts along with Providers, still have a responsibility to ensure and assure the quality of care being provided to all residents. In addition this suspension does not negate the need to undertake such reviews that are necessary, paying due attention to residents who are particularly vulnerable.

Finally, I want to thank you colleagues across the HSC for your continuing hard work at this time.

Yours sincerely

**Personal Data**

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