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Morning!

Glad to see you online but don't overdo it.

Here's the feedback that Jenny reported verbally when we spoke yesterday a couple of hours after the meeting with Robin Swann.

They only had half an hour in the end, but that was sufficient. The Minister attended with a couple of others who took notes. He was 'relaxed and receptive'. They agreed some actions:

- a) Workforce – The number of SpR trainees has remained stuck at the same level for the last ten years; the Minister had read the 2014 Report; and it was agreed Mark would follow up with his team.
- b) Where is the Minister getting advice on older people? – Mark and Jenny said there were National Clinical Directors in Scotland and England; why wasn't there one in N Ireland? The Minister said- great idea, let's have one. Mark will follow up with him.

They thanked him for opening the BGS Soring meeting in 2021. Then they talked through the five #BGSFairCare priorities; and reminded him of the beneficial innovations examples, implementation of which could help to reduce the significant regional variation that exists across N Ireland.

The Minister said he had a weekly meeting with Matt Hancock, and the other Health ministers in Wales and Scotland, which he described as 'group therapy'.

Mark and Jenny said the preparation you had given them for the meeting was excellent. They sent you warm wishes.

Overall – sounds as if it was really fruitful...

Sarah