## FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH



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Dear Andrea

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 April 2020 asking me to clearly and publicly endorse a number of guiding principles concerning the rights of people with disabilities living in Northern Ireland during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Firstly, thank you for acknowledging the considerable efforts my Department and all our health and social care staff continue to make to protect us during this global pandemic. I too commend and pay tribute to their ongoing, steadfast commitment and unrelenting hard work in tackling this significant threat to us all.

I understand fully the need for and endorse the guiding principles referenced in your correspondence. As Minister of Health, I do hope my support will provide the necessary level of assurance you seek and help assuage the concerns of people with disabilities and their families living in our community at this unprecedented and very challenging time.

I hope you will find this information helpful. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Robin Swann MLA Minister of Health

