

MINISTER'S PRE-BRIEF AND MEETING NOTE

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☐ PRE-BRIEF

☐ MEETING

☐ TELEPHONE CALL

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:		Wednesday 25 August @12.00	
TITLE/ORGANISATION: (Include INV number where possible and ensure title on pre-brief and meeting notes are the same)		Unison INV 0421-2021	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Castle Buildings via zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		<i>Patricia McKeown</i> <i>Anne Speed</i>	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Minister	X <input type="checkbox"/> SpAd	X <input type="checkbox"/> PS	
OFFICIALS:	Elaine Colgan		
OTHERS: [Include Pdf Copies of any Presentations Delivered]			
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine uptake – TUS working with the Independent Care Home Provider (ICHP) and PHA to improve uptake of the vaccine by staff working in the care home sector. Joint correspondence from Unison, ICHP, GMB, and RCN being issued to PHA and RQIA to identify how they can assist in improving the vaccine rates. Agency spend – Belfast Trust running a pilot in the RVH in consultation with TUS with regards to support staff, so far this is working well. Minister advised that the Department are also addressing the significant spend on agency staff across the whole of the HSC. Resignation of CNO – Unison wish to meet with her replacement as soon as appointed to set out the strategic direction. Waiting List initiatives 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement on the new Mental Health Crisis Service – Unison would have liked to have been consulted on this prior to any announcement or at least given notice that this was issuing. This service has impacts on the HSC workforce. • Covid 19 restrictions – Unison concerned about the Executive lifting further restrictions and the impact this will have on the HSC staff. Unison have a mini conference (130 attendees) at the end of October 2021. Minister advised that he would ask DOH officials working on the SMART programme to contact Patricia to explore options for testing the delegates. • Multi Year Funding for Health • Health Inequalities • HSC Pay offer 	
ISSUES AGREED (must be completed):	
ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency spend – Anne Speed to have a separate discussion with SpAd. • Announcement on the new Mental Health Crisis Service – Unison would request a meeting with relevant DOH officials also to include HSCB and PHA. Action: NR to contact Tomas Adell. • Unison Mini Conference at end of October – SMART Programme. Action: NR to contact relevant DOH official to make contact with Patricia McKeown. 	
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Signed and Dated by Lead Policy Official: Elaine Colgan 260821

Signed and Dated by Minister/Private Secretary: **NR** 260821

