



**Western Health  
and Social Care Trust**

8 November 2017

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Dear Mr Kelpie *John*

I refer to your correspondence dated 18 October 2017.

I can confirm that the Trust launched a consultation on the 2017/18 draft savings plan proposals, and met with the Council on 14 September 2017 to present the proposals as part of the consultation process.

As you may be aware, the Trust was informed by Department of Health (DoH) on 11 October 2017 that in year funding would be available which would prevent the need to continue with the majority of the major or controversial proposals. As a result of this, the 8 major or controversial proposals within the draft savings plan were stood down and not taken forward for Trust Board consideration. This included the proposals affecting the Trust's bed capacity within its hospitals.

The Trust Board did meet on 13 October 2017 and approved that the Trust should proceed with the 4 proposals which were considered to have no or low impact.

Trust Officers have arranged to attend the Derry City and Strabane District Council meeting on 16 November 2017 to update Council members on the position.

I trust the above is helpful.

Yours sincerely

**DR ANNE KILGALLEN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**