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Dr Andrew Murrison
Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs
Committee

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Dear Dr Murrison

I write to thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in Westminster on Wednesday morning.

On reflection of our meeting, I would like to clarify the figures provided in relation to vacancies across all Health and Social Care (HSC) posts in Northern Ireland.

I stated there were 1800 vacant posts, but have subsequently discovered that this total did not cover all HSC staff groups.

As of the 31st March 2018, there were a total of 5,654 both permanent and temporary vacancies across the HSC in Northern Ireland. This figure includes roles where applicants are undergoing pre-employment checks, up to the point of a start date. Obviously this is a fluid position and subject to change.

Let me know if you need any further information or clarification on this issue.

I trust a footnote can be added to the transcript correcting the figure.

I apologise for any confusion caused.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts
Chief Executive

