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GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES REBUILDING SUPPORT SCHEME

In my letter dated 3 May 2023, I advised that consideration was being given to the extension of the Rebuilding Support Scheme (RSS) beyond Q1 2023/24.

The Department has now received its final budget for 2023/24. Regrettably, this has resulted in the need to make a number of very difficult financial decisions across the wider health and social care sector. These decisions are being taken with great regret and reluctance. As a consequence, unfortunately it will not be possible to continue RSS beyond Quarter 1 2023.

The decision to cease RSS has been taken as part of the Departments efforts to make additional savings of £100m to offset the £470m funding gap which remains following the previously announced savings and efficiencies of £260m across the system.

The following link provides the details on the Department's Equality Impact Assessment of the 2023/24 budget outcome that is out for public consultation, <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/equality-impact-assessment-2023-24-budget-outcome>

In line with the BSO payment cycle the final claims qualifying for RSS must be received by EDI or the FPPS portal by 10 July 2023'

I can assure you that these decisions, across the HSC, have not been taken lightly.

I thank you for your continued efforts to meet the oral health needs of the people of Northern Ireland at this extremely challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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