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Dear Paul,

Arising from today's meeting of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE), I wish to bring to your attention, as Chair of the HSE NCMT, the following decision of the NPHE which is now required to be actioned by the HSE and Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC):

- The NPHE endorses the paper *"COVID-19 Guidance on visits to and from residential facilities for people with disabilities"*, recommending its communication and implementation.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the wider team across the HSE for your ongoing support and work across the health and social care services as we move through the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency. Officials from this Department have been and continue to be available to work with relevant HSE staff.

Yours sincerely,

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