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Dear Jim,

The Chief Executive Officer has informed me of the very constructive call last night in relation to the testing and contact tracing process.

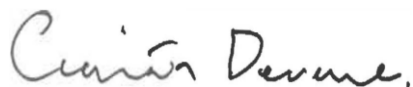
It is reassuring to know that we are approaching this crucial endeavour with mutual understanding of the roadmap to arrive at the required level of testing and tracing over the coming weeks. The risks and mitigations associated with this plan have been clearly identified.

We discussed the briefing note which has been submitted to the NPHE by Ms Niamh O' Beirne at our Board meeting today. I am pleased to confirm that the briefing note, and the approach put forward by the executive, enjoys the Board's full support.

It is key that we continue to ensure a strong alignment in the coming weeks between the decision making on case definitions from NPHE and the operational capacity and roadmap as agreed.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to convey our admiration for the extraordinary work that has been accomplished over the past number of weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Ciarán Devane,
Chairperson