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Dear Robert,

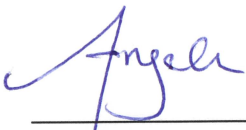
It was good to have an opportunity to meet with you recently at the Health and Social Care Leaders event.

I enjoyed our discussion on key issues facing the health system at this time and how they might be addressed to deliver sustainable change. We talked briefly about how HIQA can support the priorities for health and social services with specific reference to leveraging evidence synthesis to inform decision making and driving value particularly in the area of access to care. HIQA also has some thoughts on the specific challenges facing the nursing home sector at this time and how we might support sustainable delivery within the sector having regard to the experience of other jurisdictions in this area. I would welcome the opportunity to have a further discussion with you at your convenience on these matters.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent working relationship between your senior officials and the HIQA management team particularly in NPSO, Older Persons and Disability Services, Health Infrastructure and Health Analytic Divisions.

We very much appreciate the support and professionalism from your team(s) in their regular engagement with us.

Yours sincerely,



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