

**From the Interim Permanent Secretary  
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Dear Colleagues

**CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES – REVISED GUIDANCE ON ROLES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES - PUBLICATION OF FINAL VERSION**

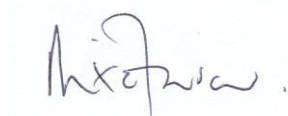
I refer to my previous correspondence, which issued on 11 June 2025, following the Department's decision to develop a set of best practice principles to support Health and Social Care (HSC) bodies in their application of the policy guidance on '*Change and Withdrawal of Services - Guidance on Roles and Responsibilities*', both temporary and permanent, when moving through service change.

A copy of the finalised '*Change or Withdrawal of Services - Revised Guidance on Roles and Responsibilities*' is attached and will be published on the Departmental website.

This revised policy guidance will now replace that which previously issued on 30 August 2023 and should be shared and implemented with immediate effect.

It should be noted that this is a living document which will be reviewed and updated as required.

Yours sincerely



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