

To the Secretary of the Review Group.

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and our Health Sector Committee advise that we strongly support the recommendations in the Slaintecare Report that private care in public hospitals be eliminated on a phased basis. The Slaintecare report acknowledges that this issue is complex and work needs to be undertaken to ensure any adverse and unintended consequences.

In our submission to the Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Healthcare we called for the ending of funding that supported the continuation of private practice within the public system and the redirecting of that funding to support the creation of single tiered public health service. We believe that the work to be undertaken by the review group is critical to delivering this critically important reform and we look forward to an early conclusion to the work of the review group.

We would be happy to meet with the review group to discuss these important issues if it would be helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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