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Mrs Norma Evans
Chief Executive
Norther Health and Social Care Trust
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Dear Madam

Opening Hours Accident/Emergency Mid-Ulster Hospital:

At its meeting on Tuesday of this week the Council discussed at length the closure of the A&E Services at the Mid-Ulster Hospital from Friday 4 April at 4.00 pm until Monday, 7 April at 9.00 am.

It would appear that this closure was unplanned and that no advance warning had been given to the public. The Councillors were obviously both shocked and abhorred by this situation as it in effect meant that patients who came to the hospital expecting an A&E service were diverted to Antrim Area Hospital without any prior warning.

Consequently, this Council, in conjunction with Cookstown Council would request an urgent meeting with yourself and the management of the Mid Ulster Hospital in order to discuss this situation and to obtain assurances that it will never happen again.

I would be obliged if you would make the necessary arrangements for this meeting through my secretary, Audrey who can be contacted at the telephone number above or by e-mail at Audrey.Junkin@magherafelt.gov.uk

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

J A McLaughlin
Chief Executive

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