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(by email)

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Dear Martin

**Assessment of Family Practitioner Services in Northern Ireland Statistics**

Thank you for inviting us to assess the Health and Social Care Business Services Organisation's [Family Practitioner Services in Northern Ireland statistics](#) against the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). We have completed the assessment and have today [published our Assessment Report](#). We judge that the suite of statistics published under the Family Practitioner Services umbrella have demonstrated compliance with the Code of Practice, and that they can be designated as National Statistics. I would like to thank you and your team for your positive engagement throughout the assessment.

During our assessment we found that the Family Practitioner Services statistics provide a valuable, trusted source of information about pharmaceutical, ophthalmic, dental and medical services in Northern Ireland. The statistics provide insight to a broad range of users, including health service officials, policy makers, academics, government officials, and those working in the pharmaceutical industry.

We are encouraged to see how committed you and your team has been over the past few years in developing these statistics, and your dedication to further improvements going forwards.

I am copying this letter to Karen Bailey, Interim Chief Executive of the Health and Social Care Business Services Organisation, and to Siobhan Carey, Chief Executive and Registrar General of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

Yours sincerely



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