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Dear Colleagues,

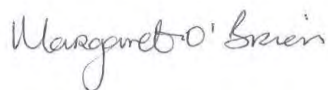
COVID-19 Vaccine verification

We are aware that practices are being approached by patients for letters confirming their COVID-19 vaccination status.

The Department of Health have advised that Citizens in NI are able to undertake international travel from Monday 24th May, availing of the traffic light system announced by the Executive.

A UK / DA format for certification letters, to enable proof of vaccination (incorporating agreed necessary security standards) has been agreed in the last couple of days. The Department of Health is working on a solution to enable proof of vaccination to the agreed standard. It is estimated that the Covid (status) Verification Service, or 'CVS' for NI will take approximately 6 weeks to establish, given the necessary infrastructure to be developed, allowing citizens to request certification, securely linking to their personal data. It is also anticipated that a paper based option will be available in the first instance, from a specialist printing service. Further details will be provided. It should be noted that neither GPs, other HSC organisations, nor the VMS team are able to issue letters to the agreed standard for travel purposes.

Yours sincerely,



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