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Waiver of abatement for frontline staff in the context of COVID-19

Dear Anne Marie,

I refer to your request of 5 March for sanction from the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to waive pension abatement rules for frontline health sector staff in order to respond to the current COVID-19 situation. This Department has engaged with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) in relation to this matter.

DPER have now confirmed that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform has approved a temporary waiver of abatement for front line staff under Section 52(4) of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. This waiver is effective until 30 June 2020. Details of the conditions of the waiver are set out in the attached DPER letter.

Any questions in relation to the operation of this waiver should be directed to National_hr_unit@health.gov.ie with 'waiver of abatement' in the subject line.

Yours sincerely

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