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Dear Colleague,

**PHARMACY NEEDS ASSESSMENT- CONSULTATION ON
SUSPENSION OF DECISIONS**

Following consideration at the HSCB Board meeting on the 13th December 2018, it was agreed to issue the attached consultation. As this document outlines, the HSCB is conducting a Pharmacy Needs Assessment project. The intention is to conclude the project by March 2020. Given that the assessment of new applications for pharmacies to join the Pharmaceutical List could be better informed by a needs assessment process, it is proposed through this consultation to suspend decisions around applications for a time-limited period as set out in the attached paper.

I would be grateful for responses from your respective organisations. Please send your responses to Jemima McAuley Jemima.Mcauley@hscni.net by close of play on 15th February 2019.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: PNA Consultation on suspension of decisions