

**Circular 6 / 2020**

3 July 2020

Ms Anne Marie Hoey  
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Health Service Executive  
Dr. Steevens Hospital  
Dublin 8

**Extension of waiver of abatement for specific frontline health care workers in the context of COVID-19**

Dear Anne Marie,

I refer to Circular 1/2020 and the HSE request to extend the waiver of abatement for frontline health sector staff in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This Department has reviewed the request and 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 an extension to the temporary waiver of abatement in respect of 100 (headcount) front line staff under Section 52(4) of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. This waiver extension is effective until 30 September 2020.

Details of the conditions of the waiver are set out in the attached DPER letter. DPER will revert separately to clarify the monthly reporting arrangements going forward.

Any requests for clarification in relation to the operation of this waiver should be directed to [National\\_hr\\_unit@health.gov.ie](mailto:National_hr_unit@health.gov.ie) with '**waiver of abatement**' in the subject line.

Yours sincerely

on behalf of

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