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**By email**

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Dear Colleague

**Transforming Medication Safety NI News**

Please find attached the first Transforming Medication Safety NI (TMSNI) Newsletter May 2024 Edition. It can also be found online at [TMSNI Newsletters - DOH/HSCNI Strategic Planning and Performance Group \(SPPG\)](#)

I would be grateful if you could disseminate this document as appropriate within your organisation to keep everyone informed of ongoing work that is transforming medication safety within Northern Ireland

**Background:**

In 2020, the Minister for Health launched and published the Transforming Medication Safety in Northern Ireland (TMSNI) strategy in response to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Third Global Patient Safety Challenge 'Medication without Harm'. The goal of the third Global Patient Safety Challenge on Medication Safety is to gain worldwide commitment and action to reduce severe, avoidable medication related harm by 50%, specifically by addressing harm resulting from errors or unsafe practices due to weaknesses in health systems. The TMSNI strategy was produced collaboratively with healthcare professionals and service users from across Northern Ireland and sets out key commitments for improvements in medication safety across Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations. The TMSNI Implementation programme has now been established and to encourage awareness, promotion, and engagement with this work the "TMSNI News" will provide updates on progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise McMahon".

**Louise McMahon**

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