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Dear Minister McIlveen

GTCNI

On behalf of Voice Community members in Northern Ireland, I want to commend you on taking swift and decisive action following the independent review of GTCNI. It is essential that a body charged with promoting standards, regulation and registration of teachers is able to fulfil its functions to a high standard in order to support and promote the teaching profession.

It will reassure our members that arrangements for continued teacher registration are being put in place to avoid any interruption to that process. This is important for our student members who will qualify in the coming months and will need registration to secure teaching positions, and those seeking renewal of registration to secure their continued employment.

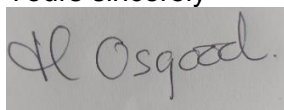
With that in mind I want to enquire further about the specific arrangements being made in order to share them with our members in Northern Ireland. What, if any, changes are envisaged in the short term and when might details be published?

I note from your statement to the assembly that you have no preferred model to replace the GTCNI functions and are looking at how regulatory and registration functions are delivered in other home nations. While there will be a public consultation, it is our preference to work with devolved Governments to find solutions which support our members and education.

I would therefore appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your officials about the consultation and potential future models to provide perspective not only from our members in NI but also, as a union with members across the UK, the effectiveness of different models across the home nations. I hope this can be arranged early in the New Year and I look forward to hearing from you on the matter in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



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