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Urgent

Dear Minister Donnelly,

**Re: Escalation for the appointment of an authorised person under
Section 70(1) (a) of the Health Act 2007 as amended (the Act)**

I write with regard to the appointment of [REDACTED] as an authorised person under Section 70(1)(a) of the Health Act 2007(the Act).

[REDACTED] commenced employment with HIQA on 21 April 2020 as part of the Children's team. We wrote to the Department of Health on 22 May 2020 seeking approval for her to be Authorised to carry out the functions in accordance with section 70(1)(a) of the Act. However, there has been a significant delay in receiving [REDACTED] authorisation. We have been in contact with the Department on several occasions in the interviewing period. Currently, [REDACTED] is unable to fulfil her functions under 70(1) (a) of the Act.

This appointment is required as a matter of urgency in order that [REDACTED] can carry out the duties of her post.

We would appreciate if this matter could be reviewed as a matter of urgency and her authorisation granted as soon as possible.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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