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To:

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(LVS sites, LVS pharmacy sites, Vaccination Centres,
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North East and Yorkshire Integrated Care Systems

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Dear colleagues

Re: Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

We wanted to write to mark your phenomenal achievements in delivering the Covid Vaccination Programme. Yesterday, 19 July, marks the date the NHS was set to have offered a Covid vaccination to all adults and to have provided two thirds of adults with two doses. Through your efforts these expectations have been exceeded in the North East and Yorkshire.

We are absolutely delighted that we have made our offer to all adults, with 87% of our population taking up this opportunity and 70% of our population having already had two doses, ensuring maximum protection. Since December you have administered nearly 11 million vaccines, protecting initially the most vulnerable and now all adults. The feedback from the population on what you have done and how you have done it has been outstanding.

None of this would have been possible with the tremendous work of your teams. These have been drawn from partnerships of clinical, managerial and administrative, front of house staff, staff behind the scenes, volunteers and members of our health and social care workforce. Your persistence and planning over so many months is really appreciated. We know many of you have worked away from your usual roles and often over long hours to ensure we have been able to protect the population. I know you have also worked tirelessly with partners to ensure that we build confidence in the programme amongst some communities. This has demonstrated the reach of our excellent colleagues in Local Authorities, third sector organisations and communities, with ever more innovative solutions for different communities and age groups.

We appreciate that today is not the end of the Covid Vaccination Programme. Many of you will be continuing over the summer, providing first doses to those who have not come forward already; and providing second doses to younger people who have received their first dose in recent weeks. It is so important at this time to maximise protection, as we see Covid cases rise.

As we enter the final phase of offering vaccinations and ensuring the best coverage possible, you may be considering the role you might like to play in a booster

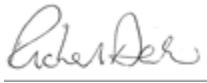
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programme. But for now, we thank you sincerely for the role you and all those in your team have played to date, in the first part of this unprecedented public health programme.

Best wishes.

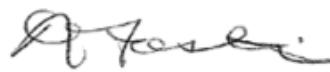
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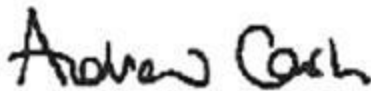
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