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To
Local Authority Chief Executives
Directors of Adult Social Services

Adult Social Care Delivery
Directorate
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Dear Colleagues

RE: Vaccinating social care workers

We are writing to express our sincere thanks for the recent work to improve our data monitoring for COVID-19 vaccinations among social care workers across England.

As you know, it was not possible to collect 'point of care' data on the vaccination of social care workers via the NHS system. David wrote to you on 1 February to ask that local authorities collect information from their own staff and unregulated services, and to complete the Capacity Tracker. We are very conscious of the difficulty of undertaking this task.

We are pleased to inform you that we have now had a 100% response rate from local authorities and we'd like to thank you, your local authority, Directors of Adult Social Services and their teams for what is a considerable achievement and a fantastic effort. We are also conscious of the contribution of Directors of Children's services and that this also involved strong collaboration with the NHS.

As a result of this effort, we are able to fulfil our obligations in being transparent about the vaccination of social care workers with the public, and also have a much clearer understanding of the levels of vaccination and what we need to do next. With this in mind, we have been working with LGA, ADASS, provider representative organisations and the NHS on how we can encourage, enable and support the increase in uptake of the vaccine over the next few weeks. We will update on this soon.

Thank you once again for the very impressive way that local authorities responded to this challenge.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Whatley

Minster for Social Care

Sir David Pearson

Chair, Social Care Sector Covid-19 Taskforce