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Dear colleague

It has now been one year since we rolled out the biggest vaccination programme in NHS history, delivering around 100 million doses in England alone.

Getting vaccinated has been scientifically proven to dramatically reduce the chances of being hospitalised with COVID-19 and remains a top priority for our country and our health service.

We could not have achieved the milestones of the past year without our incredible workforce, and I want to share my heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued dedication and hard work. It has been, and continues to be, an incredibly challenging time.

It is extremely important we all continue to do our bit to reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to our colleagues and our vulnerable patients. To support this, please continue to follow [infection prevention and control guidance](#).

We cannot protect the most vulnerable in our communities and populations if we are not protected ourselves and, with Christmas around the corner and the pressures of winter mounting, getting vaccinated remains our best defence against becoming seriously ill or hospitalised with COVID-19 and flu.

So please, take up your free offers of getting vaccinated. If you're eligible, you can [book both your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations or booster](#) now.

Our greatest asset in the NHS is our people, and I thank you for all you have done and will continue to do.

Best wishes



Ruth May,
Chief Nursing Officer for England