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- **Item for Derriford Hospital facing Practices**

Message from Jerry Clough, Chief Operating Officer, Western Locality, Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group

Dear Colleagues,

Derriford Hospital admissions update

The following update is provided for information so that when considering the full range of options available for a patient's treatment, you have an up to date understanding of the local situation.

As you may be aware, there are significant capacity pressures at Derriford Hospital which has resulted in them declaring RED escalation status. These pressures are expected to continue for the rest of the week. The situation is being kept under close review and we will continue to update you with any developments.

Senior medical colleagues at Derriford Hospital will be available to discuss patient management options with you if you feel other options may be appropriate.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind colleagues of the Robin Community Assessment Hub which is able to assess frail or elderly patients who do not have a life threatening condition but for whom a MDT solution may be required to enable them to stay at home. Utilisation of this service will prevent attendances at ED.

Finally, thank you to GPs and staff in the healthcare community for all you are doing to relieve the pressures in the system and ensure safe care during a very busy period.

If you have any queries please refer them to the urgent care team in the western locality - d-ccg.ucwestern@nhs.net

- **Item for Cornwall Practices only**

Cornwall Immunisation Call/Recall – Termination of LES

Please see the attached letter regarding the termination of the Call/Recall Service LES from 1st February 2016.