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Dear colleagues,

On Sunday 17 September 2017 the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) advised that the UK Threat Level should be reduced to **SEVERE** (an attack is highly likely) from **CRITICAL** (an attack is expected imminently). Further information regarding this change is available at <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/threat-levels>.

Thank you for the actions taken in response to the earlier change in threat level to critical (as requested in NHS England's letter of 15 September 2017 Gateway Reference 07232). Although the immediate threat of attack has diminished, the current **SEVERE** threat level means we are still all being advised that an attack is considered "highly likely" such that we should continue to remain vigilant.

Please therefore use this opportunity to take stock of your plans and their concordance with the NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response, and incorporate any lessons identified from the recent raised threat level.

We will be doing the same nationally, in conjunction with the Department of Health, NHS Improvement and other government departments.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S Weldon'.

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