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THE PRIME MINISTER

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To the whole of the NHS

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your incredible efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. I know it has placed extraordinary strain on all NHS staff over a period of nearly two years. On behalf of the whole country, I want to acknowledge and praise your extraordinary hard work.

Like me, you must have hoped that with our booster campaign managing the Delta variant, the worst of the pandemic was behind us. Sadly, as you know, we now face a new variant which is spreading more quickly than ever seen before.

As we take on this new Omicron variant, evidence suggests that two vaccine jabs do not provide enough protection. I therefore need to call on your help and assistance to deliver the biggest, fastest vaccination drive this country has ever seen. The aim is simple. Between now and the end of this year, we need to offer jabs to everyone eligible.

I know this will not be easy. I know that you are tired and weary. But you know how critical it is that we get Britain boosted, and fast. For our part, I can assure you that this Government will do whatever it takes to give you the support you need, and that the whole nation is right behind you, willing you to succeed.

Thank you once again for all that you have done and continue to do for us all. On behalf of the whole nation, I am eternally grateful.

With best wishes
Boris Johnson