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Dear colleagues,

We are writing to express our support and appreciation for our GP and primary care colleagues during what we recognise to be a highly-pressurised time.

The challenges of increasing demand, higher acuity, and capacity – exacerbated by the need for stringent IPC measures – are common across all elements of the health system, and we recognise that our colleagues in primary care are experiencing these challenges acutely.

It is also apparent that primary care has been subject to ill-informed and unwarranted criticism in the professional media and on social media, which is undoubtedly impacting upon the morale and energy of teams.

Against this backdrop, we wanted to share our thanks, on behalf of all those at Yeovil Hospital, for the herculean efforts of all those working within primary care, without which the health of our population and our hospital would be in a far worse state.

It is clear that the resilience of health services this winter will rely upon a local, collective understanding of our pressures and a mutual response which aligns our capacity and expertise with the needs of our population.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, shoulder to shoulder, as we manage the challenges ahead of us.

Yours sincerely,



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