

**To:** everyone involved in delivering the COVID-19 vaccination programme

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## Thank you to everyone involved in the COVID-19 vaccination programme

**Dear colleagues,**

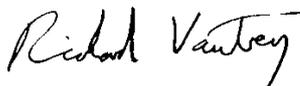
As a direct result of the leading role of thousands of general practice teams across the UK, you will have seen that 15 million people have now been given their first COVID-19 vaccination.

General practice has played a crucially important role in protecting the most vulnerable through vaccination, while also continuing to deliver routine care to those who need it. This has been an amazing effort during the most challenging of times and despite some harsh winter weather, and we should all take pride that so much has been done in such a short space of time.

Hitting this initial goal has been a major achievement and it could not have happened without everyone playing their part. I am therefore writing to thank everyone involved in delivering the COVID-19 vaccination programme – to the medical, clinical and non-clinical, to those who have worked additional hours, to those who have changed their remits, to those who have volunteered, to those on the phones or behind the emails, and to all those behind the scenes who have ensured the delivery of such a safe, effective and responsive service. Whether you're booking patients into appointments, re-working staffing rotas, setting up vaccination sites, administering vaccines or the doing one of the many other tasks involved, your hard work and dedication have made this happen and the positive feedback from so many patients is a clear sign of how appreciated your involvement has been.

Of course, we know that this is just the beginning, and that we not only need to reach out to more of our patients in the coming weeks, but also provide second doses to the millions we have already seen. There is still much to do, but I know general practice will meet the challenge head on and continue to play our part in bringing the pandemic to an end.

Thank you.



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