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To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area

Dear Colleague

I wanted to write to you to thank you all for your hard work over the recent flu vaccination season. I appreciate that this season has been particularly challenging for all flu vaccination providers, but your hard work and dedication to providing as many people as possible with the appropriate flu vaccine is clear to see.

The final uptake data is now available for the 2018 and 2019 season and this speaks for itself. Out of 14 local NHS teams nationally, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Thames Valley (HIOWTV) had the highest uptake rates in the country for the schools programmes and were second for the over 65s, under 65s and pregnant women. There were also significant improvements in the uptake rates for 2 and 3 year olds. These achievements in the face of significant challenges in relation to vaccine supply is highly commendable.

We will, over the next few months, be reviewing the last flu season and planning for the 2019/20 season. We will, of course, try, where possible, to address any issues/lessons learned in order that next season runs more smoothly for everybody.

Please can you share this e-mail with all members of your team.

Again, many thanks and a big well done!

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that the Seqirus ordering window closes at the end of this month and you should place an order as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.

Kind regards

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