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Dear Colleague

HSS (MD) 94/2020 -A LETTER TO THE PROFESSION FROM THE UK CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS, REGARDING THE UK COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMMES

Please see attached a letter with an important update from the 4 UK Chief Medical Officers on the COVID-19 Vaccination programme. This outlines the scientific and Public Health rationale for the dosing schedules of the Pfizer and AZ vaccines. Also attached is a supporting statement from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and the relevant chapter from the Green Book.

I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of all relevant staff.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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