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Dear Colleague

Firstly, I wanted to re-iterate my thanks for the work you are doing and acknowledge the huge pressures you are under. Please ensure that you look after yourselves and do talk to your educational supervisors if you have any concerns regarding your education and training.

We are now nearing the December rotation date. We have been working closely with trusts and primary care and are currently expecting rotations to proceed as planned. We are aware that many of you will have had disruptions to your training during the previous surge and know how important it is to avoid further changes to your planned programs.

You will appreciate that the situation is developing rapidly, and it is possible that acute trusts will need additional doctors to provide safe patient care. Should this be the case, and should we need to alter programs as a result, our first option would be to bring forward the rotation of those of you in the foundation grade who were due to move from community to secondary care acute posts. In doing so we would want to avoid you experiencing unnecessary disruption and would ask that you let your educational supervisor know if an early move would cause difficulties e.g. with accommodation, childcare and other caring arrangements.

We also know that some elective activity has been affected during this second surge. This is something we are monitoring and would ask that you inform your educational supervisor or training program director should you be affected.

I know that some of you have volunteered to work in the Nightingale Hospital should that need to open. This offer is much appreciated.

Finally, do please look after yourselves and be aware of the many sources of support available, through for example your own trust or PSW.

Thank you again for all your work.

Best wishes



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