

Dear Colleagues,

A Festive Message from Jill Crook

It has not been the easiest year in general practice, and as 2021 draws to a close, we wanted to thank you all for all your hard work and perseverance in the face of the largest mass vaccination programme in the history of this country. Not only did you all take this on board and vaccinate a staggeringly large number of people, but you have also carried on all the amazing work you usually do, keeping our population safe and healthy. It has been a year of exhausting work, and now, just as the Christmas bank holidays approach and you were looking forward to spending some much needed recovery time with loved ones, the country has again asked you to step up and save lives.

On behalf of NHS England and Improvement South West, we wanted you to know we are so grateful for all the work and effort you have put in to caring for your patients. We understand the work that you do, we know how important your roles are. We are here to help and support you.

2022 is a new year, bringing with it new challenges, but also bringing with it hope. We have some exciting offers and opportunities for general practice nurses in 2022, which we will share with you in the New Year.

For now, let me wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas break, and we look forward to working with you in 2022.

Kindest regards and best wishes for the season,

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