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Dear Ms Matthews

Re: 2020 Flu Immunisation Programme

As you will be aware staff across the CCG and London Borough of Enfield have been working in collaboration to ensure that there is maximum uptake of flu vaccine this year.

I know that the uptake of the winter flu vaccine is particularly important this year given the context of Covid-19. The implication for residents in Enfield and the NHS presented by a potential conflation of both Covid-19 and the winter flu is concerning. Given therefore that Enfield normally has a lower uptake of the winter flu vaccine, increasing the number this year must be a priority.

That is why I have personally written to residents encouraging them to have the winter flu vaccination. Please find attached a copy of the letter the Council is sending to every Enfield household this week.

I am writing to you for assurance that all Enfield residents who are eligible for the flu vaccine, will be able to receive it this year in time for them to be protected over the winter flu season. Are you able to confirm that there has been an increase in the number of winter flu vaccines ordered for Enfield to meet an increase of uptake?

I would be grateful if you would also highlight to me;

- The actions that the CCG is taking to ensure supply of vaccine to Enfield residents
- The actions that the CCG is taking to promote and enhance access to vaccine generally, but especially among residents who are both eligible but from disadvantaged communities
- Any delays you may be aware of in the manufacture or delivery of vaccine
- Any concerns you may have in regard to the capacity of the NHS or its partners for the delivery of this year's programme

Enfield Council will continue to do everything we can to support the efforts of our NHS partners in order to maximise uptake of flu vaccine this year.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the above.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Nesil Caliskan
Leader of the Council