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Dear

'Flu immunisation

As a Head Teacher in a special school you will only be too aware of the impact that influenza and other respiratory illnesses can have on children and young people with learning disabilities and other neurological disabilities throughout the winter months. It is for this reason that this group of children and young people are recognised as being in a clinically 'at risk' group that we specifically wish to target for 'flu immunisation.

Please could we ask for your assistance in promoting 'flu immunisations for all of your students by sending the accompanying letter home with all children and young people? GPs are aware that they will be receiving requests to do the immunisations and will endeavour to do this at times convenient to the families.

Occasionally there are reasons why some children and young people should not have a 'flu immunisation and this will be discussed with the young person and their family as appropriate.

Of course adults can also become infected with influenza and pass it on to at risk or vulnerable individuals. For this reason we would also ask you to promote 'flu immunisation for all members of staff who come into contact with the children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dominic Slowie'.

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