



Heather

To: NHS Highland Territorial Board Chief Executive & Local IJB Chief Officers
Cc: Chair of Health Board & Unscheduled Care Executive Lead

10 December 2020

Dear Pamela Dudek,

Winter Preparedness: Self-Assessment 2020/21

Thank you for submitting your winter preparedness self-assessment in response to my commission of 22 October which has now been reviewed against the checklist priorities. These are:

- Resilience Preparedness
- Unscheduled and Elective Care Preparedness
- Out of Hours Preparedness
- Prepared for and Implement Norovirus Outbreak Control Measures
- Covid-19, Seasonal Flu, Staff Protection and Outbreak Resourcing
- Integration of Key Partners and Services

I am now content that your checklist provides reasonable assurances that appropriate systems and processes are in place. Officials will continue to work with those sites reporting a red status on any aspects.

We will continue to monitor the impact of winter and Covid pressures through daily automated reports and your daily updates.

Thank you for the work that has gone into preparing this year's winter plan and we will continue to support boards throughout the winter period.

Yours sincerely

JOHN CONNAGHAN CBE
Interim Chief Executive NHS Scotland

