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Dear Bim,

I wanted to write to you to let you know that Harpenden Health PCN is one of the highest performing vaccination areas in the country.

Having heard further about the amazing efforts in Harpenden, I would like to further thank the people of Harpenden for coming together in these difficult times to deliver a truly inspiring community effort. The challenge of the vaccination programme brought together our NHS, local government, local charities and groups and over 700 volunteers to protect the most vulnerable residents quickly and effectively. I would like to thank all of them and give a special mention to some of the individuals and groups below.

The three GP surgeries (the Harpenden Health PCN) are at the heart of your response. I would like to specially thank Clinical Director, Dr David Hemsy and clinical leads Dr Tania Goodwin and Dr Chas Thenuwara, ably supported by the local practice managers and Zoe Matthews from the St Albans and Harpenden GP Federation. Hayley Geurts has done a fantastic job running the Vaccination Centre.

All three tiers of local government have worked together to support your response. Cllr Mary Maynard, the Founder and Chair of Harpenden Cares and Cllr Teresa Heritage, a local County Councillor have helped ensure seamless support from local Councils, and Harpenden Town Council also deserves a special mention for running the Volunteer Test Centre.

The Harpenden Trust, led by Pat Ring and Richard Nichols have managed the volunteer effort, identifying over 700 volunteers eager to support the effort. I have heard about how efficient they have been and the warm welcoming atmosphere they have created.

Harpenden has been a magnificent example of how a whole community can come together to deliver a truly outstanding result. I would like to congratulate and thank you for

your effort to date. Our Government is doing everything it can to ensure the vaccination programme rolls out speedily and effectively, and know that you will soon be able to look back and be proud of what your community has achieved.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

MATT HANCOCK