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Dear Ms Beattie

Thank you for your report about NHS preparations for and response to winter which the Health and Wellbeing Board considered briefly at its meeting on 20 September 2017.

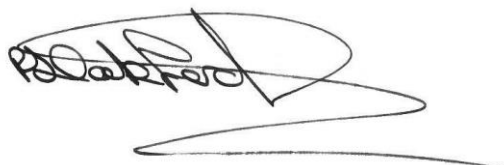
The Board, however, was not reassured about the adequacy of plans to prepare for winter and for the preparations for a potential flu epidemic. They have, therefore, asked me to write to you requesting:

- A further detailed report about the preparations being made for winter
- A report from each A&E Delivery Board about their plans for winter
- An explanation of the reasons why no one was able to attend the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 20 September.

A copy of the draft minute of the meeting is attached for completeness.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



**Peter J. Oakford
Chair of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board
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Extract from minutes

- (1) Mr Oakford said that NHS England were unable to be attend this evening's meeting to present the report and asked the Board if they wished to discuss or defer the report to the next meeting.
- (2) Members of the Board expressed concern about the readiness for winter particularly in relation to 'flu vaccinations, plans to keep people out of hospital, and the fact that the system response to winter had become increasingly fragile over the previous years. Comments were also made about recent meetings with NHS England about preparedness for winter and the flu vaccination campaigns and the fact that many organisations were aware of the anticipated demands over winter and were just starting to prepare.
- (3) Resolved that a letter be written to the author of the report saying the Board was not reassured about the adequacy of plans to prepare for winter and asking for a detailed report from each A&E Delivery Board about their plans for winter and seeking an explanation for non-attendance at this meeting.