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Death of Her Majesty The Queen

Dear colleague,

I know I speak on behalf of the whole NHS when I say how incredibly saddened we are by the news Her Majesty The Queen has passed away.

The Queen dedicated her life to public service and it was our proudest moment when she awarded NHS staff the George Cross earlier this year, for their compassion and courage over the last 74 years but particularly during the pandemic.

My heartfelt condolences are with the Royal Family at this time.

As you will appreciate, a number of arrangements are being made for the period of national mourning and for the state funeral. The government has issued mourning guidance, a copy of which is attached. Mourning guidance for the public is available [here](#). During this period, the NHS should continue to operate as normal, providing world class care to patients. However, in line with the guidance, the expectation is that proactive announcements, public Ministerial visits, receptions and other social engagements, speaking engagements and media appearances will not happen during this period.

Additional guidance on flag protocol can be found [here](#). Buckingham Palace has opened an official Book of Condolence for people to leave tributes to Queen Elizabeth II online which is available [here](#).

Further guidance and information in relation to the mourning period and state funeral will be shared once they become available.

Kind regards



Sir David Sloman
Chief Operating Officer
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