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To all NW trainees

These are exceptional times, and the NHS and all its staff are stretched in an unprecedented way. You may be aware that the NHS Nightingale Hospital North West opens Sunday 12th April Initially it will have 144 beds but is likely to expand quickly to many more.

Staffing the NHS Nightingale Hospital North West will affect all of us. Some staff will be re-deployed there and others will then have a different workload back at base. Health Education England North West's Regional Director, Chris Cutts and I as Regional Postgraduate Dean and your Responsible Officer are working with the whole system to ensure patients in the Nightingale, current Acute Hospital Trusts, Mental Health Trusts together with Primary and Community Care receive the best care in challenging times and that staff support, welfare and safety are maintained.

Trusts are currently reviewing how they deliver clinical care to consider which staff could be released to assist the Nightingale Hospital. That includes all healthcare staff alongside HEE trainees and trust grade junior doctors. I recognise this process is challenging but Health Education England national and regional teams are supportive of an equitable proportion of trainees being re-deployed providing they are appropriately supervised and can continue to practise safely. I know many of you are keen to help as much as possible. If you have specific concerns around health or other issues you should first discuss these with your Educational Supervisor and the Lead Employer Trust (St Helens & Knowsley). We will endeavour to explore solutions and resolve them in a timely way. Guidance for trainees and educators about volunteering to work in NHS Nightingale Hospital North West will follow shortly.

In my role as your Responsible officer and Regional Dean I am asking the General Medical Council to recognise the NHS Nightingale Hospital North West as a training site. If you are working at the Nightingale, we will ensure that there is a Director of Medical Education (DME) for you to raise concerns with and that you are appropriately supervised.

Finally, thank you for everything you are doing to support the NHS in these challenging times, everyone is facing exceptional pressures and working really hard to deliver safe care. Please remember to look after yourself and your family, stay safe and be kind.

Yours sincerely

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