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Dear Colleagues

## **SAVILE INVESTIGATION – VICTIM SUPPORT**

Investigations are currently taking place at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Leeds General Infirmary and Broadmoor Hospital into those organisations' associations with Jimmy Savile and the sexual abuses committed by Savile on their premises, as well as in other NHS organisations. The investigation teams are in the process of contacting victims and other witnesses in order to take statements from them, with the possibility of then interviewing them.

It is likely that many of those who are contacted about their recollections of Jimmy Savile will find it extremely distressing and disturbing to have to relive their experiences. The investigation teams at the three hospitals have put arrangements in place for local mental health services to provide necessary support for victims and other witnesses but of course not all of them will live within easy reach of those services, and not all of those who need support will make themselves known to the investigation teams.

Accordingly, I am writing to ask if you could please ensure that, firstly, all GPs within your area are alert to the possibility of victims and witnesses presenting for help and support and, secondly, that arrangements are put in place with mental health services in your area so that the victims and witnesses can have their support needs, of whatever degree, met in a timely and appropriate fashion

Thank you for your support with this sensitive issue.

Yours faithfully

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh National Medical Director