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Chief Executives Health Boards

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Dear Colleague

### **Establishment of a Paediatric SITREP**

I am writing to inform you of a new information requirement in relation to reporting bed capacity and occupancy for paediatric beds and neonatal cots.

As you will be aware, paediatric services are already starting to experience pressures more acute than at any time during the COVID pandemic, there is a significant rise in the level of demand for services such as eating disorders, CAMHS etc. which are impacting on general paediatric care, services are also trying to recover from things which were either stopped or delayed in response to the pandemic. It is widely predicted that we will experience an epidemic of paediatric Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

This information is required in order to provide advice to Ministers and senior officials in Welsh Government on the current bed state position, it will sit alongside the existing COVID SITREP which covers adult services, allowing us to make evidence-based decisions about the response to ongoing pressures across the whole acute secondary care system. The reporting requirement is for a 12:00 position to be submitted each day, Monday to Friday.

The immediate priority is to report paediatric and neonatal capacity and activity e.g. total number of beds/cots and occupancy at each level of care. However, in order to fully understand the conditions affecting those occupying these beds, the data collection has been developed to incorporate the ability to capture a broader suite of data as we progress.

It is intended that the information being requested will be sufficient to also support your individual health boards to manage your local capacity as well as requirements for mutual aid and will, in time, be available via a reporting platform that includes trend data. The information will provide a hospital, health board and all-Wales view of capacity. Colleagues within Digital Health and Care Wales will liaise with Heads of Information in relation to the reporting arrangements.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Lewis ([caroline.lewis@gov.wales](mailto:caroline.lewis@gov.wales)) regarding the data collection request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Goodall', written in a cursive style.

**Dr Andrew Goodall CBE**

cc: Chief Executives of NHS Trusts/HEIW/DHSC