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To All HSE Staff,

In the first instance I want to thank staff for the huge commitment shown to maintain our health and social care services during the recent severe weather.

As you will be aware, we have now moved to status red weather warning for the entire country.

During this time enormous efforts are being made to sustain essential services around the country over the coming days. Once the impact of the current severe weather is behind us, we will find appropriate mechanisms to acknowledge staff who are showing unbelievable commitment to their service and to the public despite the challenges.

Yesterday a decision was made by National Emergency Coordination Group (NECG) that only essential public services would operate on Thursday and Friday in the areas where a red warning is in place. In light of this Hospital Groups, Community Health Organisations and the National Ambulance Service are focusing on maintaining essential services. Every effort is being made to support staff getting to work safely and to put in place arrangements for transport or accommodation for staff, where possible, in order to ensure essential services continue to operate. If you are in doubt on local arrangements please contact your line manager who can best advise on the arrangements in your area.

As the situation has evolved to a red weather alert for the entire country, the NECG advice is now focused on personal safety and protection for all. In this regard, I wish to clarify that staff who are unable to attend for work due to the red weather alert currently in effect are not required to take annual leave.

The commitment and dedication of health service staff to maintaining health services in such circumstances is greatly acknowledged and appreciated. It is at times like this that the true value of public service comes to the fore and the work of so many unsung heroes across the entire health service becomes even more evident.

Yours sincerely,

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