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Letter from Jewish Medical Association (UK) to all our members:

As we approach Pesach we want to express our shared understanding that everyone is working incredibly hard and juggling work, home and community pressures at a difficult time. There is much myth and rumour going around but also excellent information-sharing via several existing social media channels and via workplaces. We need to remember that we have many members in many specialties and with different areas of expertise. We should try and be a resource and positive support for one another and for our communities wherever we can.

Many of our members are at the coalface, struggling with gaps in facilities, sometimes placing themselves at serious risk, and coping with the stress of the unfamiliar, both in terms of the disease and in terms of different roles and responsibilities. We are aware of the huge health and social care needs, and in both physical and mental health – those members trying to continue to provide these are appreciated beyond measure. There are vulnerable members trying to stay safe and healthy against an insecure background. Trainees face not only enormous work stresses, but also redeployment and disruption of career paths, training and education. Final year medical students have been catapulted from their courses into roles and tasks that they were due to assume later in the year. Students are amongst those volunteering – for which they deserve thanks – and good wishes to stay safe. And while we are looking after all our patients, there may be some Jewish patients, anxious families, and, sadly, bereaved families to whom you can provide some familiar much needed comfort and advice.

This week is Pesach. All of us will have our plans disrupted. Some may need to do a Seder at work. Others may need help with meals. Some may not as yet know where they will be. Rotas may make it difficult to share this even with your immediate family. If anyone needs help please let us know and we shall try to assist.

If you have any suggestions or questions about how the Jewish Medical Association UK might help meet your needs at this difficult time, please contact us directly on info@jewishmedicalassociationuk.org.

With best wishes for Pesach – and for continued good health

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