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Dear Royal College of Anaesthetists,

One of the most heartening aspects of these difficult past few months has been the widespread appreciation that we have seen for our incredible carers, from balconies and doorsteps all across the UK.

Today, on World Anaesthesia Day, I want to pay a special tribute to our anaesthetists, for the incredible job that you have done.

Anaesthetists take on some of the highest risk medical procedures and I know that you have faced tremendous pressure over the past year.

So I wanted to thank you all for the dedication and care that you have shown, and also for the pioneering work that many of you are doing to help improve the patient experience, for example by developing perioperative care.

At this important time for our country, you have risen to the challenge and I am so grateful for your efforts.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK