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Dear SIREN participants,

Celebrating SIREN's second year anniversary

We hope this letter finds you well. We are happy to share that this weekend marked the two-year anniversary of the first participant being recruited into the SIREN study, on 18 June 2020!

It has been another productive year which has only been possible with your support. Thanks to you we know more than ever about COVID-19, including a greater understanding of the effect of vaccines, the burden and impact of reinfections, and the combination of the two.

Your continued contribution has enabled the SIREN study to remain at the forefront of COVID-19 research globally and helped inform and direct the national pandemic response.

Over the next month we will be carrying out a number of anniversary-related activities including newsletters, a participant webinar and a prize draw. Please keep an eye out for communications from the SIREN team on ways to get involved.

To start the anniversary celebration Dr Susan Hopkins, Chief Investigator of SIREN, has written a [blog](#) reflecting on key moments and next steps for the SIREN study. We are also delighted to announce that the SIREN study now has a home on the GOV.UK [website](#). This will be updated over time, and we will be seeking your feedback on ways to improve our online presence.

We are delighted that the SIREN study has been funded to continue participant follow-up in all four nations through to 31 March 2023. This is testament to the value that those leading the response place on the SIREN study. Over the coming months there will be a number of opportunities for SIREN participants to contribute further. This will include those who are no longer continuing their SIREN testing. Opportunities will include looking at Long Covid, winter pressures in the NHS and the [VIBRANT study](#). We will be keeping you updated through ongoing SIREN communications including our newsletters and webinars, so please keep an eye out for these.

Thank you for every test you have taken and every survey you have completed to date, the SIREN study wouldn't be possible without you.

Kind regards,
The SIREN team at UKHSA

