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Dear Carer

**Covid-19 – a Thank You to all Social Care Staff within our City**

We are writing this letter with the aim of reaching as many people as possible who are employed to provide care and support in Coventry.

Although hope is in sight with the positive recent news regarding the possibility of a vaccine in the near future we are, as we write this letter, continuing to see high levels of community transmission of Covid-19 which is now becoming more prevalent in older age groups and in people with underlying health conditions. We are also seeing it more widely in settings supporting individuals with learning difficulties. Sadly, as a result of this are seeing more people becoming seriously ill, and deaths rising again.

Caring for our most vulnerable is a role that requires immense amounts of intelligence, compassion and resilience. We are calling out to you now more than ever to draw on these qualities:

**Intelligence** in respect of being alert to and eliminating opportunities for the virus to spread, whether through a relaxation in rigorous use of PPE or other opportunities that provide the slimmest but avoidable opportunity for transmission.

**Compassion** in working with people who are naturally scared and anxious about the virus and the risk to their health it poses, plus their friends and families who may also be anxious as a result of restricted ability to visit in any setting.

**Resilience** in that although the prospect of a vaccine gives hope to us all the need to keep rigorous infection control practices in place and look after your own physical and mental well-being for the winter months ahead is greater now than ever before.

Thank you once again for all the work that you are doing to help keep some of our most

vulnerable residents safe and supported under such difficult circumstances.

If you require further updated information regarding Covid-19 in Coventry please refer to:  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Yours faithfully



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