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To : All Family & Friends of Hillside Care Home
From : Gareth Bamsey

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Subject: Hillside Care Home – Quick Update

Dear 'Family & Friends of Hillside Care Home'

I hope this brief update finds you well and that you're holding it together and coping well with this latest lockdown.

Covid-19 Update

As mentioned previously, all Residents received their first Oxford-AstraZeneca Vaccine jab on the 8th January. The 2nd dose is currently not due before the 12 week mark. New residents are being inoculated shortly after arriving, if they haven't already received it.

Over the past month we have experienced a number of Positive Test results, seven in all. This included two further Residents and five Staff. All individuals were well and stayed well. We have had to leave a 3 week period since our last 'positive' test result before opening up to visitors and new admissions again. With all Residents and Staff needing to be retested after that three weeks.

I am pleased to say that it has now been over three weeks and all Residents and all of the Staff Team have now tested negative again.

Visiting

We will now be able to recommence Outside Visits for each Resident's Designated Visitor from tomorrow, 9th February 2021 (or in their absence, a Resident's Deputy Designated Visitor). Please feel free to book visits in the normal way on our booking system or if you prefer, via our Administrator, Kath Evans. This approach follows the Welsh Government's Alert Level Guidance for Social Care settings that says, during Alert Level 4, only a Resident's Designated Visitor should visit the home, and those visits to be outside the home. Please remember that we do have Infrared heaters in the gazebos which should make visiting outside at this time of year more pleasant. We can only facilitate Indoor Visits that are Essential, for example at end-of-life.

I am still not aware of any changes to any guidance in respect to the implementation of the vaccines. This must surely change in due course although I am currently presuming that this will not be the case until all Residents have received their 2nd jab.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above then please do not hesitate to speak with Margaret, Lissy or myself and it will be really lovely to see residents enjoying seeing families again.

Warm regards

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