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

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Subject : **Hillside Care Home – Covid Update**

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Dear 'Family & Friends of Hillside Care Home'

The recent significant outbreak that we experienced at Hillside is now effectively over.

All residents who were previously tested negative were re-tested last Friday and I am pleased to confirm that all of their test results were negative. Likewise all of the Staff Team who were previously tested negative were also re-tested last Friday and all of their test results were negative.

However, we still do have one individual Carer who is currently off sick with Covid and we believe that this case was via community transmission (*i.e. caught outside / away from the care home*).

A total of 18 residents and 22 colleagues caught Covid during this outbreak. We successfully managed to keep the residents' cases to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor area, apart from one individual who contracted Covid early on and whom we re-located to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor from 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in order to minimise the contagion risk.

All of the residents who had received the vaccine have now got through the illness, in the main, with pretty mild symptoms. Very sadly, one lady of 104 did pass away. She had chosen not to receive the vaccine. Our thoughts are therefore with her family at this difficult time.

I have been especially surprised at the level of contagion amongst double vaccinated individuals and am just pleased and relieved that the vaccines lessen the impact and risk that the disease poses to residents and indeed us all. Many of the Staff Team have now received their booster jabs and I hope that all residents should receive theirs in the near future.

We are now ready to restart internal and external visits. Please feel free to use the booking system and come to the home to visit your loved ones. As before, please continue to take an LFD test beforehand on the day of your visit. If you need any more of these then let us know.

If you have any concerns or if you wish to discuss any of the above then please do not hesitate to speak with Marie George, the home's new Manager or any of the Management Team and thank you once again for your support throughout this particularly difficult time.

With warm wishes

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