



21st April 2020

Dear Manager

Thank You

It seems such a short time since I had the pleasure of meeting many of you, your staff and residents during the Christmas period. Who would have thought then that we now be in such a health crisis.

I am writing to thank you and all your staff for the invaluable service you are doing in providing care for our elderly and very vulnerable residents.

Nursing and Residential Care Homes have not perhaps received the recognition on the media which they deserve but I want you all to be reassured that your efforts in trying to save lives in the battle against the Coronavirus is indeed greatly appreciated. You are caring for some of the 'highest risk patients' in our community and are doing amazingly well under extremely difficult circumstances. In the absence of family, amongst providing for their normal care, you are having to act as friend, carer and companion to all these dear people, and in the very gravest of circumstances having to sit with and bring comfort to those who are passing from this life. For this, you have my highest praise.

I am sure that some of you are continuing to go to work despite having friends or family having succumbed to this dreadful virus and for this I am very grateful.

On behalf of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council I want to say a massive "thank you" to you all.

Please do share this message with all your staff members and do not hesitate to get in touch if I can be of help to you in any way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Givan".

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

COUNCILLOR ALAN GIVAN