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Dear Parents/Relatives,

Re: Visiting Policy

Following recent amendments to NI lockdown guidance we felt it was important to clarify The Beeches COVID-19 Visitors policy.

Current guidance from the Department of Health for visiting to care homes states: *“There should be strict restrictions on visitors, similar to the approach in hospitals.”*

Routine visiting to all NI hospitals is still suspended and therefore The Beeches have made NO CHANGES to our current NO VISITORS policy at both Ballynahinch Residential and Supported Living services, and Aghalee Nursing Home.

There are exceptions on compassionate grounds relating to end of life care. In that eventuality the manager of your service will discuss these arrangements with you.

We appreciate that our No Visitors policy has been a challenge for all parents and relatives as well as our residents. However The Beeches believes that this policy has been an extremely important component of our Infection Prevention and Control policy to COVID-19. So far we have been very successful in limiting and avoiding the spread of COVID-19 within our accommodation services. We are determined to ensure this continues.

We look forward to the establishment of a regional COVID-19 testing and contact tracing regime. Department of Health advice on testing for all care home residents and H&SC staff is that this should be concluded by the end of June.

We will update our policy in line with any changes to official guidance and our own operational needs.

In the meantime I would direct you to our new website for information about what each of our services are doing during lockdown www.thebeechesltd.com. We are also able to facilitate voice and video calls and you should contact the service to make these arrangements.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter please do not hesitate to call either Siobhan, Lianne or Carmel (contact details included below).

Finally, thank you all for your patience, cooperation and support. Your emails, letters and gifts are deeply appreciated by all our residents and staff.

Kind regards,



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