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Subject: Letter re Nightingale Care Home, Derwent Street

Dear Ms Smith

I apologise for the delay in making this response.

As you will be aware the new Ada Belfield home is up and running in its original intended role and that the residents from the old building have now moved in.

In respect to the issues you raised in your letter:

- Firstly access by families to Ada Belfield residents was not determined by the location of the service but the guidance from both the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Public Health to minimise the risk of infections being introduced to our care homes. These restrictions relaxed over the subsequent weeks but are now being stepped up across the county in those tier 2 areas.
- Secondly, there was no added risk of infection arising from Covid positive residents from their use of this site. The people using the facility were not acutely unwell and did not need to be in a hospital but were not yet ready to go home to their place of residence as they had not completed their 14 days. Effective infection control measures on the site and use of PPE by the staff reduced any possible risk and indeed lowered this by not exposing existing residents and staff from our other homes. The location of the site was and is irrelevant as many of our care staff and indeed staff from the Belper and Derby Royal hospitals live, shop and use the facilities in Belper town centre
- Finally, everyone who was admitted to the unit was not actively ill with Covid, had been tested prior to discharge but were pending their results and needed to complete their 14 days before moving to their place of residence. This enabled the hospitals to serve their function of providing support to those people who were either acutely unwell or required medical support before they could be discharged

I hope this clarifies our position. You may be aware that Local authorities continue to be required by DHSC to provide such units particularly to support the demand on hospital beds which is driven not only by seasonal demand of winter but also by the increase in the number of Covid cases. That's DCC has been able to open the new Ada Belfield unit has been possible by us being able to identify an alternative resource which was not available at the time we took the decision to use the vacant new build

Kind regards

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Dear Barry

I hope you are well

Please find a letter attached from the Council

Kind Regards

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