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Funeral arrangements/attendance

1 message

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To: "D [REDACTED]" <D [REDACTED]>

Dear Mr Bury

Firstly I would like to offer my condolences to you in respect of the death of your mother.

Following discussions with social care, taking into account government guidance and considering what is in D [REDACTED]'s best interest I am sorry to advise you that our colleagues at social care and our staff at H [REDACTED] House are unable to facilitate D [REDACTED]'s attendance today at his mother's funeral.

As I'm sure you are aware D [REDACTED] does not understand the government guidance around 2 metres social distancing (2 m distance between all mourners is needed at all times). Government Guidance suggests that people from the same household can sit together, however this will not be the case for D [REDACTED] and yourselves as you do not live together. If D [REDACTED] wants or needs something he will approach others for a need to be met and would not understand the need for staying 2 metres apart. Should family follow the 2 metre rule then D [REDACTED] may interpret this as a negative if no one were to be sitting near to him.

Furthermore D [REDACTED] would most likely not tolerate wearing any kind of PPE; D [REDACTED] also has frequencies where he touches his face and mouth and bites nails at times; it is therefore not known whether he would tolerate PPE gloves, therefore we must consider that he could be at higher risk of contracting the virus, moreover, PPE does not seem appropriate for D [REDACTED].

Further concerns are that should D [REDACTED] contract the virus, this could then be transferred back to the care home and potentially put the other residents at risk; as well as the staff – currently no visits to the home are taking place, even for family in order to safeguard and protect individuals from the Coronavirus.

It is therefore felt to be too high a risk; both to the physical and emotional wellbeing of D [REDACTED] and to the physical wellbeing of others for D [REDACTED] to attend today's funeral. It is in D [REDACTED]'s best interest not to attend.

I understand that social care have tried to contact you on your landline and mobile today and have left three messages requesting a call back.

Kind regards

David Watts

Director of Risk Management

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