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Dear Trafford Care Provider,

As we face the most challenging of times nationally, and circumstances the likes we have never seen, I wanted to write to you and express my personal gratitude to you all.

I know that daily you and your staff are supporting Trafford residents and providing a vital lifeline to many people. I also know that you have faced these challenges with a spirit of compassion, empathy and a genuine 'can do' approach. You and your staff have faced risks on a daily basis and I recognise just how tough the past few weeks have been.

I am a passionate advocate for social care and know that all too often it is not held in the same regard as health care. I have worked across social care for the past 25 years with substance misuse and mental health services, so I know just how important social care is to changing people's lives. Please be assured that I will continue to make sure that social care is firmly on the agenda as we rise to the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic.

I speak with social care colleagues across Trafford daily and I know that we are in regular communication with yourselves. This will be maintained in an ever changing and fast paced environment.

Thank you all for continuing to help and support people to be in the right place for their care. By supporting people to be discharged from hospital this has allowed the NHS to be prepared to care for those that need intensive care. We are working with partners across the health and social care to ensure residents and their care workers receive the support they need.

We are all working to the same aim of wanting to care for and safeguard the people of Trafford. I value your commitment and dedication and we will continue to support each other and work together as we rise to this challenge. Here in Trafford we will continue to champion Adult Social Care and the challenges that you face on a regional and national level.

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to all your staff teams on behalf of myself and Trafford Council. You are all very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Cllr Joanne Harding
Trafford Council Executive Member for Social Care