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COVID-19

In my 32 years working within health and social care, I have never come across a period of such stress, worry and concern for the well-being of my employees and residents. I am heartened, amazed and humbled by the resilience and determination of the whole care team.

The Government states that 1 in 10 care homes now have COVID-19; the number is likely to be a lot higher than that, when considering homes that have not had a confirmed death from COVID-19. The additional, robust measures, we recently announced, will help us further in keeping this deadly virus away from the most vulnerable.

On behalf of our residents, their families and Hale Place, we thank you all for the support you offer to each other, your willingness to work long hours to reduce the need for change over of staff, your tireless resolve in extreme circumstances and to your families. Please convey our gratitude for their support and understanding of your incredible commitment. *Kevin.*

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

In-house Activities

Having people with dementia, cooped up, is against our philosophy and practice. People with dementia can become frustrated, confused and angry by being confined. This can present many challenges for care workers who are already under immense stress.

However, once again, they rise to the challenges as one. Residents are being entertained, occupied and having as fulfilled lives as possible, enjoying chair exercises and games, arts and crafts, board games, karaoke, which always provides great entertainment for everyone and reading letters with our residents, which evokes much emotion and triggers positive memories. The Skype calls have provided 'real' connections with family members, flower arranging continues to be therapeutic and fun for a lot of people and now spring has arrived, residents are beginning to enjoy the gardens and get much needed exercise.

