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Dear Lewis

Plans to support phased return to visiting in adult care home services

I write to inform you that today I have published guidelines and a plan to support a phased return to visiting in Scotland's care homes. The guidance sets out how care home visiting may be re-introduced in a phased way while minimising the risks to residents, staff and visitors.

The guidance along with supporting materials can be found here:

www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-adult-care-homes-visiting-guidance

The website contains:

- Plan outlining 4 key stages for a return to visiting and communal activity
- Guidance on visiting arrangements for care homes including sample visiting protocols
- Advice for families and friends to prepare them for visiting.

The guidance has been produced by the Care Homes Clinical and Professional Advisory Group (CPAG), a short life multi-disciplinary group chaired by members of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer directorates. The group has been established to provide clinical and professional advice throughout the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Care Homes CPAG will continue to review the guidance taking account of changes in the emerging picture around COVID-19.

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