

Essex County Council
County Hall
Chelmsford
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Date: 5 October 2020

Our Ref: carehome/mg/kn

Dear Care Home Manager,

I wrote to you on 24th July saying that the level of covid-19 in Essex is low enough to allow care home residents to receive visitors in accordance with the relevant guidance. This is still the case. The full guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus/update-on-policies-for-visiting-arrangements-in-care-homes>.

The number of cases of covid-19 is increasing in Essex. I will continue to keep this under review and if the situation changes significantly, care home visiting might have to stop. It is my hope that this can be avoided. In the meantime, thank you for doing what you can to facilitate visiting in a covid-19 secure way. I do not underestimate how difficult this can be or how important it is to residents and their relatives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gogarty".

Mike Gogarty
Director Wellbeing, Public Health & Communities