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Dear Carer,

As you are aware, the rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 has continued to escalate over the past few weeks. Aspire has not been immune to the impact of the pandemic; sadly this week we reached a position where the number of staff absences due to positive test results, or the requirement to isolate, reached a critical point. In consultation with Leeds City Council we therefore took the difficult decision to pause our day services. We have also paused all but emergency respite services.

I am very sorry that this action has been necessary and appreciate the challenges this may bring for you and your loved ones. Given that we provide support to some of the most vulnerable people in the city, our attention is very much focussed on maintaining the health, safety and wellbeing of all the people who use our services.

We have put support in place for those families who indicated they would need support from Aspire in the event of the day services pausing or reducing. We will continue to try to re-direct our available staffing resources to meet the needs of those families in most need. Therefore, should your needs change, please do not hesitate in letting us know.

We are actively monitoring the situation and each week we will let you know whether or not services will be resuming in the following week. Unfortunately, having reviewed the current situation, we will not be able to resume services next week (commencing Monday, 10th January 2022).

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We will also be routinely updating our website with any updates, so please feel to visit it at www.aspirecbs.org.uk.

Once again, my sincere apologies for this further closure of some of our services. Please be assured that we will do all in our power to resume services as soon as possible and to minimise the impact of coronavirus.

Yours faithfully,



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Chief Executive

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