## Colleagues,,,

It is recognised the incredible hard work of all the Social Care sector, in both SBC run and private Care Homes, those delivering care at home both internally and externally, Personal Assistants, Informal Carers, Family Carers and Volunteers who are doing so much to help the elderly and vulnerable in our communities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is only possible with the support of key staff groups including Cleaning, Catering, Maintenance roles and Education staff to name but a few. Continuing to run Social Care across the sector in very changed circumstances has not been easy and has required a tremendous effort from absolutely everyone involved in care in recent weeks and it will be some time before life, as normal, returns.

The efforts of everyone involved has been recognised by the joint Lord Lieutenancies in the Scottish Borders and I include their message of thanks and recognition for all of your efforts.

Kindest regards,

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