## **COVID INFORMATION**

Those of you who visited our Care homes during the pandemic will be aware of the safety protocols which were put in place by the Scottish Government and Health Protection Scotland to allow visits to be carried out safely.

We prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents, staff and visiting friends and family and there are a number of guidelines which remain in place such as additional cleaning, testing all new residents before they move into the Care Home and encouraging the residents and staff to be vaccinated.

Masks are no longer required to be worn by visitors, but if you would prefer to wear one you can continue to do so. We would also as you to wear a mask if the resident you are visiting in the Care Home would prefer you wore one.

Although LFD tests are no longer mandatory we would ask that should you have any COVID symptoms such as a cough, runny nose or high temperature that you take a test before or on arrival at the Care Home, we have stock available for you to use at the Care Home if required. If the test is negative but you have cold or flu like symptoms you can continue your visit however, we would ask that you wear a mask in the Care Home as to avoid infecting others. If the test is positive you should stay away from the Care Home for 5 days and you can return to the care home for visiting after two consecutive negative tests. We have a policy and procedure in place should there be a positive case in one of our Care Homes and if this were to happen we would work closely with the local Health Protection Team to limit the risk of the infection spreading.

At this time, residents can have as many visitors as they would like, as we understand how important contact is with family and friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for working so hard and caring for the residents with such compassion, kindness and dedication.