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Dear Partners,

I am writing to set out how Children's Services intends to maintain its core statutory and early help functions during Tier 4 restrictions. I know you will all appreciate that we are working in a rapidly evolving situation, but we have learnt and reflected with partners upon our work together since March 2020. We will continue our close working relationship with partners, in what are challenging times for us all.

In October we revised and updated our Emergency Procedures to include how we would continue to work at different levels of restriction. In line with this for the next 3 weeks there will be risk assessments of children. Those at the highest risk will continue to be seen face to face. Those children assessed at lower risk will be seen virtually.

Unless unwell, our staff continue to work. Whilst they will be largely based at home, they will continue to fulfil their early help and statutory functions as far as is safe and possible. We will continue to maintain reviews and conferences virtually. The MASH our 'front door' will continue to respond all new referrals and will be open as usual between Christmas and New Year.

Your continued support and partnership is invaluable and I know you will work closely with Children's Services to ensure children are safeguarded and families are supported.

Paul Angeli

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