



19 March 2020

## **Peggy Dodd and Coronavirus**

**This is a fast moving situation at the moment, and regrettably, as from Friday 20 March 2020, the Day Centre at Brierley House will be closed until further notice.**

Our main telephone number 01225 835520 has an answer machine which will be on all the time, and the office will be manned from 9am to 12noon. The message will give details of The Day Centre manager's mobile telephone number. The relevant email address is [daycentre.peggydodd@gmail.com](mailto:daycentre.peggydodd@gmail.com) if you wish to use this.

As from Monday 23 March 2020, the Day Centre staff will be providing care visits to homes if this is wanted by Day Centre clients. Please contact us as above if this is of interest, but all existing clients have received information about this. This service will continue for as long as possible, Virus permitting.

We are also able to provide at cost, hot meals for those living in the Combe Down area. Please contact us if needed.

The Home Support will continue to provide support to clients/carers where needed, where both they and our Support worker are free of any of the key signs of the virus. Please contact the Home Support manager Miss Chris Perrin on 07889 363789 if you are interested in this service.

Where does this leave Peggy Dodd financially? We shall be losing approximately £28,000 of income per month and our wages bill, unless we make staff redundant, will continue at £23, 000 per month plus other costs. A three month shut-down could cost us over £90,000.

Our annual accounts usually just break even with a surplus of between nil and £8,000, so you can see how disastrous a prolonged shut down of three or more months will be for us. We have limited reserves we can use, but they will be decimated. If you feel that you would like to make a donation to help us in this extra-ordinary situation please either send the gift to me at the address below, or use the Just Giving website which will also gift aid the donation if you are tax payer. Thank you. We want to be here in 2021, still serving clients and carers, and with your help, we will.

Yours sincerely.

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