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Dear Care Home Manager,

Environmental Cleanliness in Care Homes – Enhanced Cleaning

The importance of environmental cleanliness within the Care Home setting is regarded as key in minimising transmission of COVID-19. Thank you for your diligence in implementing the COVID-19 guidance to date.

For Care Homes not affected by COVID-19, we ask that you implement proactive enhanced cleaning. Details on enhanced cleaning can be found in the Regional IPC Manual at <https://www.niinfectioncontrolmanual.net/cleaning-disinfection>.

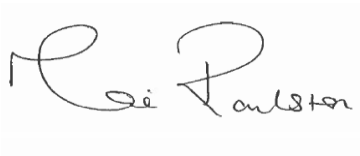
For those Care Homes affected by COVID-19, please continue to work with the Public Health Agency Health Protection Team in the Duty Room on a daily basis and follow the advice, included within the COVID-19 outbreak pack, provided to you by the Health Protection team.

To support you during the COVID-19 pandemic, options are being considered on how best to provide enhanced cleaning support. These options may include; allocation of a fixed grant, dependent on size of the Care Home, to source your own additional domestic resource; source the provision of additional domestic resource to Care Homes through the Health & Social Care system free of charge. Both of these options are time limited for an initial period of 8 weeks.

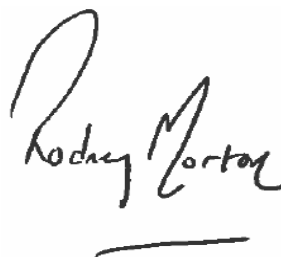
To support the implementation of proactive enhanced cleaning, we invite you to complete the survey monkey questionnaire using the web-link below for the Trust area in which your Care Home is located. A separate survey is required for each registered Nursing and Residential Care Home meaning, if you are a Home with a Nursing Home and a Residential Home on the same site, a separate survey is required for each.

The survey will be open until 6pm on the 20 May 2020.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix 1 – links to survey monkey

Belfast Trust area - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLRNHF6>

South Eastern Trust area - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZVWYJNZ>

Northern Trust area - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z9TRNJF>

Western Trust area - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZYCRRHN>

Southern Trust area - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZCY5XFX>

