



The Village Residence Respite service

'When you look at your life, the greatest happiness's are family happiness's.'

Joyce Brothers.

Date_____.

Dear _____.

Making the decision to move a person into Respite care can be one of the most difficult thing that families and carers will do. There are many decisions to be made and arrangements to organise, which can result in families experiencing a wide range of conflicting emotions.

During this stage, be patient as it will take time for you the family member and your relative to adjust to the new situation in a new centre. Extended family members may also experience a sense of loss. Any change in care arrangements can be disruptive so understand that there will be an adjustment period for everyone involved.

Regular visits can enable both you and your relative to feel more at ease. Familiar items, enjoying an activity together, or simply sitting and talking can enable you and your relative to feel more settled. The important thing is to make each visit as rewarding as possible.

Please feel free to become involved in your Relatives care. There will be so many things you know about your relative that we don't. One of the things we ask of you respectfully is to become involved in your relative's care plan. You may not be familiar with this term so please ask a member of staff to explain to you what this involves. They will explain and seek your advice in relation to the plan of care. Please give yourself now at this time some space for yourself, but most of all if you have any concerns about the care your relative is receiving, please do not hesitate to speak with the Nurse Manager.

Attached is a questionnaire which we would appreciate if you would consider filling out for us so that we can work on improving this service through your feedback

With Every Good Wish.

Staff of The Village Residence