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Open letter to patients and members of the public

Salisbury District Hospital's response to lockdown announcement

It is right we take action now to reduce further spread of COVID-19, which is increasing in our local community. While cases here at the hospital remain relatively low we sadly continue to report new deaths of patients who had tested positive for COVID-19.

The hospital is fully prepared to deal with the predicted increase in hospitalisations as we have maintained our state of preparedness following the first wave. Throughout our response to the pandemic the hospital has continued to provide urgent care to everyone who needed it - with or without COVID-19, our A&E department was open 24/7, our maternity team continued to deliver babies and across the hospital staff acted with compassion to care for the sick.

We have learned a lot since the start of the pandemic and have used the summer to prepare further while also restarting services that were disrupted by the first wave. In the coming months we will do all we can to keep elective surgery and non-urgent services open for as long as possible and to continue cancer treatment and diagnostic procedures.

We remain here if you need us. If you are asked to attend an appointment at the hospital, please do. The hospital's priority is always patient safety and we have put a number of measures in place to maintain a safe environment for patients and staff.

We are incredibly grateful to all the staff at the hospital who work tirelessly to provide safe and compassionate care to our patients and the continued support of our colleagues in other organisations and the local community.

We are braced for a tough winter. But there is only so much we can do in the hospital. We need everyone to once again act together and help stem the rising tide of infections. By following the guidance we will be able to protect ourselves, our family, our friends and our neighbours.

Yours



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Chief Executive, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust