

ELGC COV 02

Ymchwiliad i COVID-19 a'i effaith

Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact

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Hello all

The effects of covid 19 are far reaching especially for the young elderly disabled and vulnerable We the elderly are used to isolation as we are often isolated for many days not speaking to anyone from day to day That has not changed but what has is that those who need treatment have been unable to get it I used to get my treatment every three weeks in Liverpool it kept me out of a wheelchair 10 weeks on and i got my first treatment last Monday It helps but i am still in my chair When i will get another treatment i do not know Apart from that with no receptionist there i had the added burden of not being able to claim my expenses of £30 This is quite a chunk out of my weekly pension I have been very lucky in that the doctors and chemist liased and i get my medcations delivered

Next the housing i have a list of work that needs to be done on my home The housing association have this and will do it when posdible after covid 19 is over and restrictions are lifted However ,the association has been brilliant they got me some help for walking my service dog and picking up shopping They also phone once a week to check if im ok Not only do they do it but they have meetings via zoom to discuss policies and other things that have cropped up They have been useful The worry there for is what effect will this have on their future and out homes There should be greater help for them You asked us to build and we are The impact on their business will cause great delays in this programmes What are you doing to help in regard to the loans etc that have been taken out to complete this work and others that have been undertaken by the association on your behest Our tradesmen are amongst the best they work hard are clean tidy and thoughtful I would hate to think that we would lose these people both tradesmen and staff who work incredibly hard and conscientiously

As for equality i feel very aggrieved that you have taken the step of classing the elderly disabled and vulnerable into one I cannot understand why as we are all different and one size doesnt fit all

We may come under ome heading but we are all different with different needs A lot of us have complex illnesses and although our bodies are failing our brains are still as bright as ever The rumour and i do hope it is a rumour that many of us will be classed with a dnr Sorry but this is wrong it stinks of the things the 2 nd world war was fought against most of your elderly have fought and worked for this country so treat us with the respect many have earned i never wanted to retire at 60 but you made me now people are having to work longer and a lot resent it What hasnt happened is that you havent thought about with all the technology available that you can tap into our plentiful knowledge You are just starting to with drafting older retired doctors and nurses to help So i suggest you think a bit deeper and use the rest of us where possible Use incentives that seems to work

I am a canny shopper but i know my bills have gone up the odd ten pence oñ products here and there makes a big difference especially to those on low incomes such as basic pension and universal credit il know of families who are furloughed and are better off than usual by over 100 pounds where those on universal credit are only having a three week deduction free But have to make arrangements to pay them themselves Dont you think that this is an unfair playing field Ok if they

get free school meals they get 20 pounds to help but surely there is more you can do Most seem in dire need but wont ask for help as you will think they are scroungers

Supermarkets are doing a great job but they substitute different things to what you ordered The substitie is often more expensive If you have food allergies then its difficult very difficult

As to what happen when this covid 19 is over i hope that the steady way of slowly slowly will prevail We should not jump the gun and go ahead too eagerly without the necessary precautions

Thank you for reading

