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Dear Manager

Re: CHANGE TO THE EPUT DIETETIC SERVICE FOR NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be advised that from Monday 18.01.21 until further notice we will be offering a reduced dietetic service to Nursing and Residential Care Homes across West Essex. This is necessary to support dietetic staff redeploying to our community wards in the current Covid-19 pandemic. Permission for this has been granted by the CCG Executive Team yesterday,

We will continue to accept referrals for high risk patients with a MUST score of 3 and above and for patients on enteral feeding. Please do not refer patients with a MUST of 0, 1 or 2. If a MUST score or sufficient information is not provided on a referral to enable us to triage we will return the referral for more information. I have included our Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool for Care Home Residents with this letter which includes referral guidelines and advice for patients with a MUST score of 0-2.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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