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COVID-19 case at Ackroyd House Care Home, Rotherham

Public Health England (PHE) Yorkshire and the Humber and Rotherham Council are aware one of the latest confirmed deaths related to COVID-19 is a resident of Ackroyd House Care Home in Rotherham.

The care home is currently closed to visitors, and staff have been given health advice about the symptoms of coronavirus. Staff are closely monitoring residents and looking for symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing. If any symptoms are identified they will be referred for a clinical assessment.

Dr Nicholas Aigbogun, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control at Public Health England Yorkshire and the Humber, said:

"Our deepest sympathies are with the family concerned.

"PHE is working closely with the care home to provide public health advice to stop the virus spreading. Everyone should be following social distancing advice to reduce their social interaction with people.

"Good hygiene is the best prevention and there are some simple steps you can take to protect you and your family by washing your hands regularly and thoroughly and if you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue."

Teresa Roche, Director of Public Health at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, said:

"I'd also like to send my condolences to the family concerned at this difficult time.

“Rotherham is well prepared to deal with coronavirus. Our priority is to safeguard local communities which involves taking preventative measures to help reduce the risk of further cases.

“People should follow social distancing advice available at www.gov.uk and pay particular attention to [stay at home](#) advice if they have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back*
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly*

Please do not to go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to report that you're staying at home to NHS 111.”

As a limited number of staff and residents were in close contact with the deceased resident, they have been offered advice and are being monitored for symptoms. Any of these people with symptoms have been tested, but no further cases have so far been identified.

We will not be issuing any further updates and would ask that people respect the privacy of all concerned.

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Notes to Editors

- For more information and advice on coronavirus (COVID-19)

Government: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Social distancing advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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