



KENSINGTON PALACE

8th April, 2020

To all the Staff and Volunteers at Centrepoint,

I'm writing to let you know how much I am thinking of everyone at Centrepoint at this unprecedented and difficult time.

I know from Seyi that Centrepoint staff and volunteers all across the country are doing amazing work to continue supporting vulnerable young people in the midst of this global pandemic. This must be a worrying time for you all, and particularly hard for your families. Your willingness to go that extra mile and be there for those that need your help more than ever is what makes Centrepoint so very special.

As the country suffers from the economic impact of the lockdown, it is very worrying to hear that you have seen a rise in calls to the Helpline from those who have lost their accommodation, or whose only option is to stay with vulnerable grandparents who they do not want to put at risk. Supporting these hidden homeless is such a crucial part of Centrepoint's work, and I know you will continue to help these vulnerable young people however you can.

For the young people you are supporting in hostels or in other accommodation, it must be particularly difficult facing self-isolation away from their friends and support networks. I know that you will be doing all you can to look after them, and help them look out for each other.

Thank you for all you are doing in these incredibly difficult circumstances, and please look after yourselves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lilly'.

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