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Dear all

Over this period there has been some really bad press regarding young people. I thought we should remind ourselves that even some of our complex and challenging young people do care and are supporting the #staysafestayhome. The art below is from the children at Alex House and 2 young men who live in a children's home. Well done to them all and thank you for brightening our day.



Our Early Help colleagues had some great news, we have provided a 100% return on our troubled families. This means we can claim a fantastic amount of money to continue to support our families. Well done to Debbie Duffell and the team.

I am aware that we are still awaiting more PPE, Grant Murdoch is co-ordinating this and when we receive our delivery we will make sure you receive it as quickly as possible.

Although this is a difficult time we are actually learning lots about how we may work differently in the future. If you find that you have had a positive experience by

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working differently please let Bertie know. We are going to put together a lessons learned at the end of this so we can keep doing some of the positives in the future. We have temporarily mothballed some of the offices. Please ask your managers which offices are open should you need to come into an office.

I am sure you are getting a little bored of me now so I have asked managers to be guest authors, but if you fancy a go that would be really fantastic. I will give you help with the content, it would be great for your CV!!!

Take care

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Hubber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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