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Dear Ms Furniss

As I'm sure you are aware, Shipston Home Nursing provides Hospice at Home nursing care for adults with incurable illnesses who want to be looked after in the comfort of their own home; your parish forms part of the area that we provide our services to.

As you may also know, our services are *free of charge*, you can help ensure that we are able to continue to do this.

The Covid pandemic has changed many things:

- **Demand is Up** - during 2020 we have seen a marked increase (25%) in those wishing to die at home, perhaps a result of concerns of Covid restrictions preventing access to Hospices and Care Homes for loved ones.
- **Costs are Up** - in common with many organisations, we have invested in additional equipment and protocols to help ensure our services are Covid compliant and safe.
- **Fundraising is Down** - in common with so many charities in the face of Covid restrictions, our normal programme of fundraising events has effectively ceased for the foreseeable future.

Our services directly help in the effort to "Protect the NHS" by using our resources rather than NHS resources to provide the care required and, of course, by keeping our patients out of busy hospitals. We receive a small grant from the NHS which covers about 9% of our costs, leaving us having to finance the other 91% of our costs each year.

So, we are asking for your help.

To ensure our sustainability, we are contacting the PCC's within our service area asking for their financial support. If you can help, please support us by making a donation.

Yours sincerely,

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