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To the Leader of the Council

"What is Highland Council doing to help alleviate and prevent loneliness during Covid19?"

Throughout the pandemic, the Council has recognised the significance and impact isolation and loneliness has had on individuals and within communities.

The Council continues to work with its public sector and third sector partners to help communities. We had a proactive approach to calling those who were shielding and those who needed practical and financial assistance.

For example, Council Housing staff contacted tenants during the lockdown period to carry out welfare checks and Health Visiting staff have continued to operate throughout the pandemic, undertaking around 1000 home visits across Highland to families with children under five.