

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 27 March 2020

Cllr Gareth Roberts: It is never comfortable for a leader of a council to issue rebukes to residents. It isn't our natural territory. However, unfortunately in spite of the procedures and lockdown put in place by government, we are still seeing people not sticking with the rules. Going out when they shouldn't. Going out for non-essential reasons. For example, we've had reports of estate agents remaining open, and really there is no reason for them to do so. We've had reports from our social workers who have tried to visit residents in their homes and have been unable to do so because people were holding street parties in their streets. We have closed our playgrounds and yet still we are getting reports that the tapes are being ripped apart so that people can go in and use them. The vast majority of Richmond residents are doing the right thing. They're staying within the rules and listening to the advice but to those people who are not following the rules. Please, this is a matter of life and death. Stick to the rules and we will all get through this. Thank you.

Hello, as you can imagine during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are facing an increased demand on our services, particularly those for the elderly and the vulnerable so that we can encourage them to keep living in their own homes. Therefore, we are making an appeal today. if you are a qualified social worker who currently does not have a position or if you are currently retired, recently, then please get in touch. We want to hear from you. We want you to come and help join our army of social workers who will ensure that the

people who are living at home, get the help they need most. Whether it's preparing food, helping with cooking, cleaning, shopping, all of those things which a social worker can do to ensure that those people who need the help most can continue living at home with dignity. So, details will be on the screen after this message but if you are a qualified social worker without a position or recently retired, we want to hear from you. Thank you.

Qualified care workers can find out more information about the roles available by contacting priya.samuel@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk