Dear Colleague,

On Sunday 4 July, the nation will come together to thank all key workers for their outstanding efforts since the pandemic began.

Colleagues in the NHS and care sector are rightly being thanked for their contribution.

However, without your commitment, the quick way you adapted to new challenges and different ways of working, and because we know how much you personally continue to give the city to help it through these difficult times, we want to take this opportunity to thank you too.

We are immensely proud of all you have done. It is an honour to be able to thank you on behalf of the council.

Not only have you have shown dedication and compassion to the city time and time again over the last 18 months, you have also supported colleagues through some very challenging times.

Your strength and resilience has been incredible. Thanks to your immeasurable efforts, we have been able to reduce the spread of the virus, support the extremely clinically vulnerable, home-school children, support local businesses and support those facing isolation. We know that, whatever future challenges we face, we will get through them together.

Saying thank you today is a small, but heartfelt, way of recognising your determination, appreciating your many kindnesses, and acknowledging the important part you have played in helping the city through this most challenging time.

Thank you.

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