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Dear colleagues

On behalf of the Cardiff Public Services Board, we want to thank you all once more for your incredible efforts over the course of the Covid-19 emergency. Through your dedication, passion and skill you have kept Cardiff safe, supported those and their families who have suffered from this terrible disease and saved countless lives.

Thanks to your efforts and to the perseverance and sacrifice of all our citizens, the Covid-19 infection rate in Cardiff is now at a low level. There are a small number of new positive cases each day, the percentage of positive tests is running at around 0.4% and our local Test, Trace and Protect Service is now up and running and working well. Over the coming weeks the lockdown will continue to ease, city life and our public services will continue their path back to a form of normality and many of us will take a well-deserved break before September.

But for all the progress we have made, we want to emphasise that we are most certainly not out of this crisis yet. There is much we still do not know about Covid-19, including the impact of colder weather or of co-circulating seasonal flu, the length of natural or induced immunity or the precise timescale for the availability of a vaccine or effective treatment. We do, however, know that Covid-19 remains a deadly disease, particularly to our more vulnerable citizens.

And so, our collective effort in tackling this disease must continue. Each of us must continue to play our part in keeping the infection rates low in Cardiff, through maintaining physical distancing, through regular handwashing and through looking after ourselves and looking out for those at greater risk. And as a Public Services Board, we will use the summer months to plan together – across our public services – so that we are in the best place possible to meet the pressures and challenges that the autumn and winter may bring.

So thank you once more, and we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer,

Yours,

Charles Janczewski



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