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To all clients and staff of Aphthorp Lodge and Dell Field Court

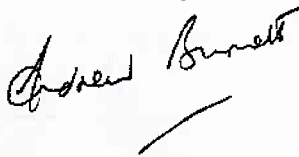
Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing to let you know that Legionella bacteria (these sometimes cause the chest infection Legionnaire's disease) were recently found in the water supply at Aphthorp Lodge and Dell Field Court following routine tests. The water systems have been treated to remove these bacteria to ensure that there is no significant danger to clients or staff. Tests are being undertaken by the Council's Environmental Health Service to ensure that this treatment has been completely effective.

Legionella bacteria are common and can live in all types of water including natural sources such as rivers and streams as well as water storage containers. Infection with these bacteria is rare and can only occur by inhaling them in a fine water spray (as can occur in a shower, for example). Infection is not caused by ordinary washing or bathing and there is no danger at all from drinking water that contains these bacteria.

Barnet Council and NHS Barnet are working closely with the Health Protection Agency, as is routine in such matters, to ensure that there is no danger to clients or staff. We have enclosed a fact sheet about Legionella which provides more information. If there is anything else that we need to tell you we will be in touch again.

Yours faithfully



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