

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

24 April 2020

### **Nursing home staff diagnosed with COVID-19**

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today (Case 11,870) is a 21-year-old healthcare assistant at All Saints Home (ASH) (Hougang) at 5 Poh Huat Road. She was confirmed to have COVID-19 infection on 24 April 2020. The staff is now in an isolation room at the National Centre for Infectious Diseases and was last at work on 21 April 2020.

2. In consultation with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), ASH (Hougang) has taken additional precautionary measures. This includes a thorough cleaning and disinfection of affected areas of the Home. Contact tracing is ongoing and those who had close contact with the confirmed case will be quarantined. MOH and AIC stand ready to assist ASH (Hougang) with additional support during this period if required, to ensure service continuity for their residents.

3. Since 1 April 2020, nursing homes have implemented enhanced precautionary measures which include:

- i. Suspension of all visitors to all nursing homes from 2 April 2020.
- ii. Safe distancing for all nursing home residents.
- iii. Nursing homes with more than 200 beds to implement split-zones.
- iv. Reminder that staff who are unwell must not turn up for work.

4. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the nursing homes to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents and staff.

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### **Translation of key terms**

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. All Saints Home: 众圣之家