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Dear

Regional Home Safety Educational Facility

You will be aware of the recent closure of the regional safety facility RADAR based in Belfast. Unfortunately, due to reduced visitor numbers and staff resources as a result of the pandemic, our own Council has taken the difficult decision to close our local facility, Hazard House in Ballymoney after almost 17 years' service to the local community and beyond. The property has since been returned to the NIHE for social housing.

Members are very keen that a permanent regional facility be provided to aid the delivery of the home safety messages to reduce accidents in the home. To that end, I have been asked to write to all Councils seeking support for the building and running of a fit for purpose facility via central government funding.

I would appreciate if you could confirm your Council's support to this request and advise at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Edgar".

Bryan Edgar

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19th August 2021

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Dear Bryan

Thank you for your correspondence requesting support from Mid Ulster District Council for a regional "fit for purpose" home safety educational facility.

It is disappointing to note that Causeway Coast and Glens has seen the closure of Hazard House in Ballymoney as well as the closure of RADAR in Belfast.

Mid Ulster District Council run their own safety event for schools in conjunction with other statutory bodies. The feedback from the events has always been very positive and it is considered a very worthwhile annual event providing a very necessary safety message for children across a range of scenarios. Having an accessible regional home safety educational facility financially supported by central government would help communicate this safety message to a wider audience.

I will bring forward your correspondence for members' consideration at the next available Council Committee meeting and will contact you with an update as soon as possible following the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Fiona McClements
Head of Environmental Health