

Dear MP/Councillor

We are calling on you as elected representatives to write to our employer, Clarion Housing Association to cease all non-essential repairs whilst infection levels dangerously high. This would be consistent with their response to the previous lockdown and match the decision taken by the vast majority of other Housing Associations and employers. This is in the interests of workers, tenants, and the prevention of the spread of the virus in the community generally.

It should not be left to us as individual workers to make the decision whether a particular job is safe or not when we are constantly told how dangerous the corona virus is. The government has told us to treat ourselves and everyone else as if we had the virus. Why then does our employer insist that it is still safe for us to carry out non-essential repairs. We believe that repairing a washer on a tap is not worth risking our lives for!

For the sake of all our safety please ask Clarion to revert to an essential repairs only regime to help save lives and save the NHS. The minor inconvenience that this will cause for a limited period of time is surely a price worth paying especially as all of Clarion's offices have been closed for the lockdown and housing officers and surveyors are only carrying out urgent visits. Repairs workers should be treated no differently; their safety is just as important.

Further information is available from this Unite website: <https://unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2021/january/housing-association-presses-ahead-with-routine-repairs-despite-covid-19-fears-claims-unite/>

Thank you.

You can write to Clarion's CEO, Claire Miller, by sending her an email or writing to her by post. Please also let Unite know when you have sent your email or letter.

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