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A BIG, 'THANK YOU' TO RAJ ASANI FROM WARRINGTON & HALTON HOSPITALS

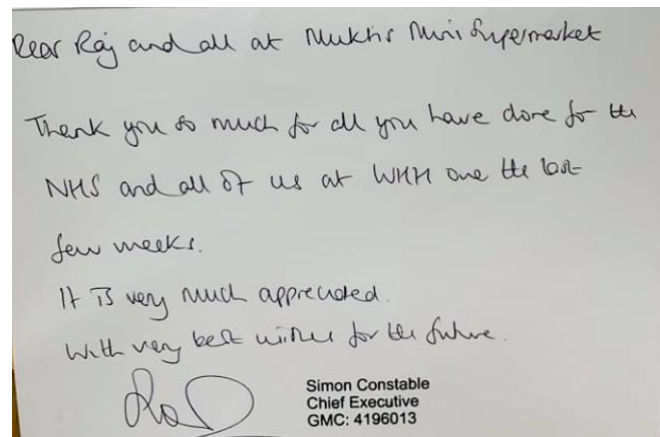
For those of you who don't know, Raj regularly, & very generously, makes donations out of his shop in Pasture Lane to NHS workers at Warrington Hospital.

It gives me great pleasure to reflect here a letter of thanks from Professor Simon Constable, Chief Executive at Warrington & Halton Hospitals, who says,

"Thanks to people like you we are able to keep morale high & staff topped up with just about everything from food & drink to shower gels. And offer patients comfort packs & discharge packs of basic groceries to get them started at home."

A full copy of Simon's letter to Raj is included below.

Well done, Raj. You do yourself & us proud.



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Dear Raj,

Re: Your generous support for our hospitals, patients and staff

I wanted to write to you personally to express my profound gratitude for the extremely generous and thoughtful support you have extended to our hospitals as we worked to meet the challenge of COVID-19. We are all extremely grateful for your support at this time and I wanted to assure you that it has had a big impact on all concerned.

This has been an unprecedented time for our entire organisation and our 'WHH Family' of 4,400 staff as well as their own families, our patients, our partners, suppliers and our wider community. It is fair to say that COVID-19 has shaken the world and that we will all never be the same again.

We are beginning to plan for the next phase and you will have heard that the UK has passed the 'peak' of the pandemic. This reflects what we are seeing in our own hospitals and it is time to start looking at how we will now ensure that we get our patients safely through their cancer and other urgent treatments as well as seeing all those patients that we had to postpone while we prioritised COVID-19.

We also need to ensure that we continue to support our amazing staff as they enter the next phase of caring for our patients – alongside a virus that is likely going to be around for a long time. Throughout these last weeks (it's hard to believe we are only talking in weeks not months) we have tried to do all we could to keep staff supported, well-fed and rested. This was no small task and it is thanks to people like you that we were able to keep morale high and staff topped up with just about everything from food/drinks to shower gels to home-made uniform bags and cakes.

At the same time, our patients had little choice but to endure life in hospital without visitors. Their days were long and many had no family to cheer them on or fetch clean supplies. Thanks again to our community's generosity we were able and continue to offer patient comfort packs and boredom busters and even set up e-visiting using Skype. Our community enabled us to provide discharge packs of basic groceries to get them started at home as well as connecting them to willing volunteers who had stepped forward as part of the government's national campaign.

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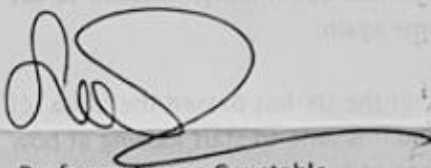
As chief executive I hope that I never see such an event again and that our staff are never tested to the limits they have been. I rest assured however that our community and our supporters cared enough to step up for us and, I hope, will stay with us now as we move towards a new way of caring for those who depend upon us.

I have asked our senior team to start planning how we say 'thank you' when we are through the worst and when public health restrictions permit. When the time is right I would be honoured if you would join myself and TeamWHH as we remember the worst of times and celebrate our new beginnings. We will stay in touch with regards to this event.

Similarly, if we can do anything to help you then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our hospital charity's motto is *'Together we are Amazing'* and that could not be more true. On behalf of our 4,400 staff, our volunteers, our patients and their families, I thank you.

With best wishes for the future



Professor Simon Constable
Chief Executive