To whom it may concern,

I’m getting in touch from Ecas, an Edinburgh-based charity supporting adults with physical disabilities. During the covid-19 pandemic we are still operating our Befriending Service on a distance basis, with volunteers helping to reduce social isolation over the phone or video calling app. We are looking to receive more referrals at the moment, so I am contacting you to see whether this information could be disseminated among managers and staff in your housing association or sheltered accommodation.

We are currently in a strange positon whereby our client pool has reduced, while interest from volunteers has skyrocketed. So we’re looking for more referrals to try and put people’s time to good use. Following any referral, an assessment would take place with the client over the phone or over video app.

If this is something you can help with, please let me know. Please find attached the FAQ for referrers and a referral form. Please note that all the information is also on our website, [www.ecas.scot/befriending](http://www.ecas.scot/befriending) including ways to submit referrals online.

Best wishes,

Sam

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