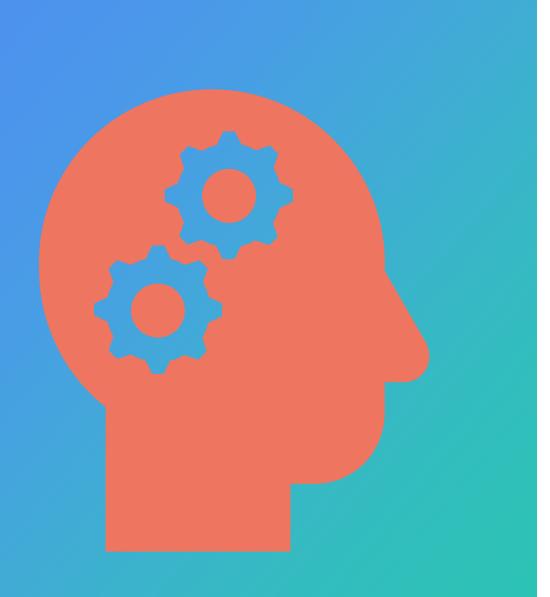
CLOSING A CARE HOME IN A PANDEMIC

Shona Macdonald



## What happened?



## Impact on Staff

- 'Heartbroken, feeling totally numb and helpless that you can't help your residents, who were your family'
- Fear of not being able to find a new job
- Fear of working with a new team
- Having to send residents away
- Changing workload
- Managing emotions





## Impact on Residents

- Fear and apprehension
- Thrown out their home
- Distraught and anxious at the prospect of being displaced from their home
- Residents extremely upset prior to their move

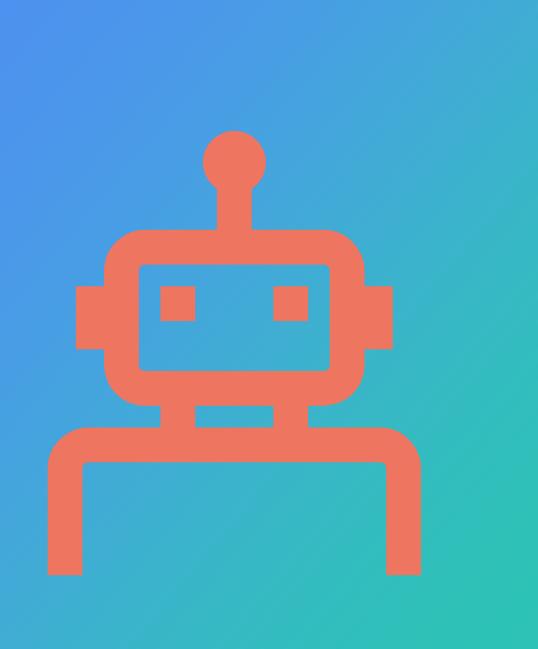
## Impact on Families

Had to be informed by phonecall

Unable to visit and support their loved one

Unable to visit potential new homes

Unable to support their loved one through the move



# How to do it?

- Keep everything open and honest as possible
- Keep resident focussed
- Have a clear plan for each move



#### **COLLABORATIVE WORKING?**



