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Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the City of Coventry, we are excited about the opportunity to join with Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities Initiatives and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to become an Age Friendly City. Along with other Cities in the world, Coventry is committed to promoting policies to make UK cities friendly to ageing populations.

The most recent population estimate for Coventry indicates that nearly 15% of the population is over 65 and over 2% are over 85 and increasing. In recognising that an ageing population will have a significant impact on public services, social and interpersonal relations Coventry City Council, Age UK and Coventry University have come together to form an innovative partnership to plan and implement the World Health Organization (WHO) Age Friendly Cities (AFC) programme to promote active ageing. Our goal is to ensure our ageing neighbours have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

We are developing a strong framework to build upon in addressing the World Health Organisations eight domains that help influence the health and quality of life of older people. As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the city of Coventry to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in the design and implementation of age friendly city initiatives.
- Work collaboratively with stakeholders to promote and support development of age friendly policies, programmes and services across the city.
- Commit to the promotion and development of age friendly environments which allow older adults to contribute to and remain in their communities as they age.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with Global Network of Age Friendly Cities to ensure our city has the appropriate infrastructure in place to support it to enable citizens to age healthy and actively.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Tony Skipper
Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry



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