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Dear Mr Phillips,

Thank you for your letter regarding The Almshouse Association's desire to provide financial support to residents under State Pension age and on Universal Credit who are facing financial hardship. I would also like to thank your organisation for the work they are doing supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our society at this difficult time for so many.

I understand that the charity is concerned that any financial support given will be viewed as a rise in income and therefore result in a cut in the residents Universal Credit.

I can confirm that any financial or other support made by third sector organisations are unlikely to affect entitlement unless in the very unlikely event these were accumulated (i.e. in the form of capital sums).

One thing that may be worth drawing out is that irregular charitable donations from organisations or friends are disregarded, if they make regular payments, i.e. weekly or monthly, this may be captured by income rules and affect a claimant's Universal Credit claim.

I hope this answer provides the clarity you were seeking.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will'.

Will Quince MP
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