"Let's all look after our elderly and vulnerable this Christmas" - Huw Irranca-Davies

In his Christmas message, the Minister praised social services staff and other volunteers across Wales for the care and support they provide some of the most vulnerable people, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Huw Irranca-Davies said:

"Being Wales' social care minister really is a special privilege. Each and every day, I see and hear countless examples of staff in the social care sector going the extra mile to support children in care, the elderly, the disabled and the vulnerable in our communities. On behalf of the Welsh Government, I want to say thank you to you all.

"As many of us prepare to spend Christmas with our families and friends, many people across Wales are set to spend it alone. But I know Wales is a caring country. As a society, we care about those less fortunate than ourselves.

"So I'm calling on people right across Wales to look after elderly family and neighbours, call in on them, and if you can, offer them the opportunity to join you and your family in celebrating Christmas.

"I hope you all have a happy Christmas, surrounded by people you care for, and by those who care for you. Let's make sure those who don't need to be alone, are not alone this Christmas."