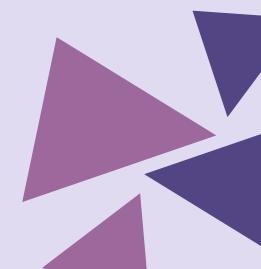


Hazelhead Homecare: Company Update

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A Note from The Head of Clinical Governance, IP&C and Compliance

Hi all,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I wanted to share a couple of things as a brief update:

Covid

We appreciate that soon restrictions will be lifted across Scotland. We will continue to monitor advice to Health and Social Care in the context of these changes and keep you updated.

Can I stress that although there may be a feeling nationally that the pandemic is ending, Covid is still out there and can and is harming vulnerable people.

The key points remain (!):

- PPE and associated precautions must continue to be used appropriately by all staff.
- We continue to encourage you to get your vaccination and boosters. The spring booster looks to be on the horizon.
- Please test appropriately. If you don't have test kits speak with your coordinator / service manager. We are on hand to ensure you get tests and PPE.

Staff Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed this. We are currently drawing together an improvement plan based on the issues you raised.

Stay well and be safe,

Mark

We're protecting ourselves, our clients and each other!



This week, we are very sadly saying goodbye our wonderful Head of HR, Claire Johnston. As we are sure many of you will know, she has been an integral part of the company over the past year. She has brought with her the highest degree of experienced professionalism, passion and a cracking sense of humour. Thank you for all you have done for Hazelehad Homecare, Claire. We want to wish you the best of luck with everything in future - please keep in touch!

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<u>Charity</u> <u>Announcement</u>

We are delighted to announce that our charitable partner for 2022 is...



Supporting families in Scotland

Circle has been working across central Scotland since 2006 to ensure that families in Edinburgh, East and West Lothian, North and South Lanarkshire and more recently Fife, Forth Valley and Tayside get the support they need as soon as possible.

Their aim is to support the most disadvantaged children and families to improve their lives, promote their healthy development and reach their potential.

Social injustice, poverty and health inequalities are associated with families experiencing drug or alcohol addiction, imprisonment, neglect and abuse, family breakdown, involvement with care services, and physical and mental health problems. Circle works alongside the whole family, building on their strengths.

More information on fundraising and volunteering opportunities to come...



So why Circle Scotland?

When on the hunt for a third sector partnership, we wanted to pick a small and local charity that operates in the same areas as Hazelhead Homecare.

Circle Scotland offer a wide range of support to multiple members of communities in which we work. With our help, they aim to continue outreach and support disadvantaged children and families across Scotland.

We will also be able to split our funding per location e.g. if you work for us in North Lanarkshire, the money you raise will go to families in North Lanarkshire etc. We think this is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in local communities, have fun fundraising for a fantastic cause, and volunteer in our respective areas.



This week we received a brilliant poem by Service User John Murray from Hamilton. We hope you enjoy reading as much as we did.

This tales mainly 'bout my bed,
And the crazy folk from Hazelhead.
I thought I'd write this little poem,
About what happens in my home.

Trying to clear my sleepy head,
I awake to make the great big Z.
I wake with scratching at the door,
A wee while later I hear more.

"Morning John, are you awake?",
Not now, asleep, for goodness sake.
Sometimes it's singing, sometimes laughter,
But no more sleep for John here after.

John gets up, all sleepy eyes,
There's no more sleep, I know - I've tried.
I'm still alive, so they're all glad,
They're all so nice, you can't get mad.

They come in laughing, it's such fun,
I'd hug these girls - every one.
The boys then give me all the news,
And keep me from suffering lonesome blues.

As I sit here I think aloud,
"What did I do to get this crowd"?
They come in early every morning,
And waken me without a warning.

I've heard that carers can be bad, But all of mine are flaming mad! They come in with an awful noise, That's both the girls and the boys.

So if your name is John or Jo,
Nellie, Francis, Michelle or Flo.
David, Adam or just Tom,
You're great no matter where you're from.

That's the team I see each day,
No wonder that my hairs all grey.
They're the best lot to behold,
I wouldn't swap them for pure gold.