

# PROFESSIONAL CARERS

Keeping Service Users and Carers up to date on the latest news, progress and initiatives by Professional Carers.

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SPECIAL EDITION – SUMMER 2018

## NEWSLETTER

**OFFICIAL INVITE - SAVE  
THE DATE 13/09/2018**

### WELCOME – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition August 2018

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer period. We don't know about you, but we are pleased to see the end of those muggy and warm nights! Before you know it, Autumn will soon be upon us, with falling leaves and the dark nights creeping in - it won't be long before the extra blankets are needed! In this edition of our Newsletter we have some exciting news and initiatives to share with you! Read on for more details ....

#### **Professional Carers Celebrates 20 Years of Business this September – Join the celebrations!**

In September 1998 Professional Carers Wirral was officially opened by the Mayor of Wirral in a small office located on Seaview Road.

Set up by our current Managing Director Julie Harrison, a woman on a mission to provide High Quality Home Care to the people of Wirral. Julie, once a Carer herself, recognised a gap in the market for skilled, knowledgeable and Professional Staff who could pass the 'Mum Test' and give nothing but high quality care and compassion for those residents living in Wirral.

Over the years the company has gone from strength to strength, providing employment to over 100+ staff members and offering services to 250+ individuals requiring support and care.

Over 20 years a lot has changed, the company is now also managed by Julies children Carly and Gary – making it a real family affair!

Carly Peckham is the Registered Manager of Care Services, whilst her brother Gary Nagle is the companies Business Manager who oversees the businesses daily operations.

Expansion of the business over the years has also meant a relocation of our head office, and the opening of a dedicated Training Centre for our Care Teams.

To mark this special occasion, we are holding an afternoon of celebrations from 12 Middyay on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. We are inviting our Service Users, family and friends along with our Carers to join us for: -

- Afternoon tea for everyone who attends – complimentary.
- Raffle and Bingo with special prizes.
- 'The Home Birds' will be making a special appearance from 1.30pm – A Dementia Friendly band who play music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and more. Sing along to your favourite swing songs, folk, pop, jazz and country and western!

Transport will available for those joining us if needed – Speak to your carer or contact the office for further details.

**SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 – JOIN  
US FROM 12 MIDDAY – 5PM.**

Professional  
Carers **20**  
Celebrating 20 Years  
This September 2018

**The 'Home Birds' will be joining us to help celebrate this special event – A Dementia Friendly Band.**

**For further details contact us on 0151 638 4500.**



## 'This is Me' – Alzheimer's Initiative

Someone who has dementia, delirium or other communication difficulties, can find changes, such as moving to an unfamiliar place or meeting new people who contribute to their care, unsettling or distressing. 'This is me' is a document that enables key information about our Service Users to be available to Health and Social Care Professionals so they can gain a better understanding of who the person is. Each document should be filled in by the individual(s) who know the person best and, wherever possible, with the person involved.

It covers a variety of important questions such as how the individual would like to be known, their background including family friends and pets, what makes them feel better if they are anxious, and best ways to communicate – to name just a few.

It should be updated as necessary. It is not a medical document and will not replace the existing Care Plan and Assessment that Professional Carers Complete.

These documents are supplied to our new Service Users however copies for our existing Service Users are also available if requested [in a variety of formats] – simply contact the office to request one if you feel this would be beneficial.



On Saturday 29/09/2018 Professional Carers Head Office Team will be taking part in a Night Time Alzheimer's Memory Walk. This takes place at Aintree Race Course commencing at 8pm.

We are welcoming our Carers to join us and transport will be available to help get everyone there and back. This is also open to our Service Users and their family members. For staff, if you are scheduled to work, we will look at seeing whether your colleagues can help out if they can't make it.

This is such an important cause and we would love as many people as possible to join us. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia, affecting 62 percent of those diagnosed. There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1 million by 2025. This will soar to 2 million by 2051.

Dementia research is desperately underfunded. For every person living with dementia, the annual cost to the UK economy is over £30,000 and yet only £90 is spent on dementia research each year – which is why we need your help. Our target is £500.00 and can donate via our Just Giving team page by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mw338605>



Memory Walk®   
Let's make it a day to remember

**A big thank you to all who have already donated – Sponsorship forms are also available at our office.**

If carers or service users have any suggestions or ideas on how Professional Carers can improve its services, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Carly Peckham Registered Manager or Gary Nagle, Business Manager on 0151 638 4500.