

# PROFESSIONAL CARERS

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

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## NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME – Christmas Special Edition – December 2018

Its that time of the year again, gift-giving, family and social gatherings, symbolic decoration, feasting and celebrations! For Professional Carers though its business as usual as we continue to work throughout this period to provide care and support for over 250 service users across Wirral.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE TEAM!!!

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish all our our service users, carers, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2019.



Christmas for many people however is just another day. In fact, it can be quite a lonely time....

#### DID YOU KNOW – YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE

Anyone who is experiencing feelings of loneliness or is worried about an older relative or friend can call Age UK Advice Line free of charge on 0800 169 6565. Even if it's just for a friendly chat, its always good to talk.

“IT'S GOOD TO TALK”

#### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED

You may re-call in September 2018 Professional Carers embarked on a campaign to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Alzheimer's is very close to our heart and in the month of September the office team and some of our carers completed a 'Memory Walk' at Aintree Race Course – an event to raise money to contribute towards Alzheimer's research. Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised a whopping £2119.40 which was fantastic.



#### ☆☆ Tracy Veste is picked to become the new face of Professional Carers ☆☆

First Wallasey, next stop Hollywood!! Recently Tracy, a carer from our Liscard team was asked to take part in a new advertising campaign in partnership with Wirral Borough Council. The purpose of this campaign was to raise the profile of care workers sharing information about what the job actually involved. Tracy was picked for this campaign by the management and was interviewed on camera with her Service User Vera – This interview will be circulated on social media with vacancies advertised in the local press! Well done Tracy and Vera, you did us all proud 😊



## Welcome to our new Moreton Coordinator Kerri Jones.

A big warm welcome to our newest addition to the team. Kerri Jones joins us as a new Care Coordinator for the Moreton and West Wirral area.

Kerri holds many years' experience in the care industry having worked in both residential and home care environments. She has fitted in just great – If you have a query about your care package, please don't hesitate to contact her on 0151 638 4500 or via email to [kerri.jones@professional-carers.co.uk](mailto:kerri.jones@professional-carers.co.uk)



## Dementia Friendly Cinema Viewings - Just £5 per ticket and Carers go free!

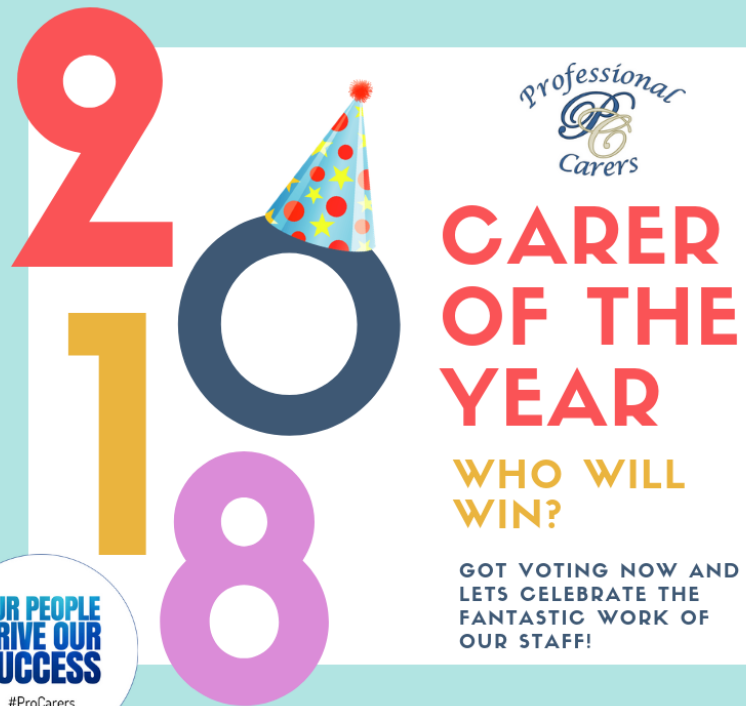
We wanted to share with you information about the Light Cinema in New Brighton who are showing a number of Dementia friendly films this December and January 2019.



At Dementia friendly screenings there are no adverts or trailers and lighting will be slightly raised during the viewing. There is also an interval half way through with refreshments and snacks available. Don't miss out!

Upcoming films:

White Christmas – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
13.15pm

The Apartment – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan  
13.15pm



 Voting is now open 

Who do you think deserves to win !!!

Nominations are valid from our care workers, office teams or from our Service Users [including our Service Users family or friends].

Vote online using the link below which should be searched in your web browser. If you need help doing this, why not ask your carer or a family member to assist:-

<https://www.professional-carers.co.uk/carer-of-the-year-2018-nominations/>



Closing Date 30/12/2018 – Winners announced 07/01/2019



1ST Prize: A 'Secret Escape' expenses paid night away OR 12 months Pure Gym Membership OR 8 x driving lessons OR £200.00 High Street Vouchers - all on us !

2ND Prize: A meal for 2 voucher at Miller and Carter to the value £75.00.

3RD Prize: £25.00 High Street Vouchers or Cinema Tickets for two.

\* Voting limited to 3 entries per person - T&Cs apply.

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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, Director of Operations on 0151 638 4500.