

### **MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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Ann Slade Care Home in Southport has a longstanding heritage as a trusted residential and dementia care home, proudly serving the Sefton community since 1946. Initially established as Brooklyn Nursing Home and managed by the Granford family for nearly 80 years, the home provided exceptional care and support to elderly residents, particularly following World War II.We're pleased to share an update on the essential upgrades underway, aimed at ensuring safety, comfort, and efficiency for everyone in our community.

Boiler Replacement – We are delighted to report that the boiler replacement project has been progressing well. The new energy-efficient systems will provide consistent and reliable heating and hot water throughout the building. This upgrade will not only improve comfort but also reduce our carbon footprint and energy bills.

Lift System – On Track- The installation of the new lift is progressing well and remains on schedule. The old system has been removed, and the framework for the modern lift is now in place. Installation of the mechanical components is underway, and expected to be completed within the next few weeks. We appreciate everyone's patience during this phase, especially those who have had to adapt to temporary arrangements.

IT Infrastructure – Modernisation of our IT systems is moving ahead smoothly. Over the past month, we've upgraded network cabling to support faster and more reliable connectivity, replaced outdated hardware, and introduced enhanced digital tools to support care planning, rota management, and communication. These improvements will greatly benefit both staff and residents by enabling quicker access to information and improving the quality of care delivery.



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# Meet Our Daily Cooks: Jesamine and Kyra

We are thrilled to introduce the newest members of our care home family – Kyra and Jesamine, our talented daily cooks who are passionate about preparing nutritious, home-cooked meals to keep our residents healthy, happy, and well-nourished. Jesamine brings with her a wealth of experience from the care sector, having previously been the head chef at St. Cecilia Care Home in Poole, Dorset. Now relocated to the North, she's excited to bring her expertise to our kitchen, with a strong focus on resident-centred meals that are tailored to individual tastes and dietary needs. Kyra joins us with a rich background in the culinary world, having worked as a chef at the highly regarded Penelope's in Birkdale, Southport. With her experience in fine dining and a flair for flavour, she brings creativity and care to every dish she prepares. Whether it's a comforting stew or a classic roast, Kyra ensures every meal is both delicious and balanced.





Together, Jesamine and Kyra are committed to creating a warm, homely atmosphere in our dining room. Every day, they craft wholesome, freshly prepared meals using quality ingredients and the most delicious homemade cakes with plenty of heart and soul added in too. Please join us in welcoming Kyra and Jesamine – and don't forget to stop by and say hello if you get the chance!





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## Welcoming Kim and Barakat – Our New Carers and Activities Coordinators

We're also delighted to welcome Kim and Barakat, our new carers and activities coordinators, who have joined our team with a shared passion for ensuring that every resident at our home feels valued, included, and stimulated every day. Together, Kim and Barakat are building a vibrant, inclusive activities programme designed to keep minds active, bodies moving, and spirits high. They work closely with residents and families to ensure everyone has the opportunity to engage in fun, purposeful activities that reflect their interests and needs.

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STAFF TRAINING



It's been a busy month of essential staff training to keep our care standards high and our home safe. All team members refreshed their basic life support skills, including CPR and defibrillator use. We will also complete fire safety training and moving and handling training focused on safe techniques to support residents with dignity while preventing injury. We're proud of our team's dedication to ongoing commitment to delivering compassionate care every day.

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