



Private HomeCare News

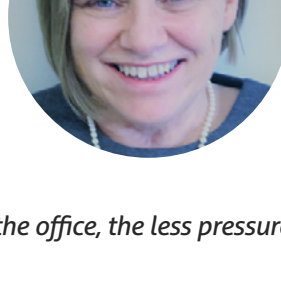
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Dear all,

I hope you are enjoying the Summer whether you have family on school holidays, or you are making the most of the good weather to get out and about.

We have been spending a lot of time getting ready for the new HSE tender for homecare, that takes official status on August 14th 2023. Any new changes arising from the tender will take affect after that date. Private HomeCare has been a HSE approved supplier for many years. Increasingly HSE clients have become a larger proportion of our clients over the years, so this is very important.



For those who have Summer holidays booked, please enjoy them! Can I ask you to give us least 4 weeks notice, or ideally as soon as you have made your plans. The earlier you inform the office, the less pressure there will be on your colleagues.

It was lovely to meet some of you in person at our recent Annual Graduation and Long Service awards. Congratulations once again!

You are all winners though. Each of you makes a huge difference to our clients and their families. Thank-you.

Elizabeth Nicholson
Founder and Managing Director



All Star Awards

Our parent company Cpl held their All Star awards on Thursday 22nd June last, via virtual presentation, to recognise key staff across all Cpl companies in Ireland, the UK, Poland and Germany.

We were thrilled that our Office Manager, Rita Maycock, was recognised as an All Star individual winner within the Cpl Healthcare group. Rita was then announced as the overall All Star winner of this group, to her complete shock! Anyone who has worked with Rita in Private HomeCare during the past 19 years knows of her professionalism and dedication. She is an excellent Manager who is well respected and highly regarded by everyone in Private HomeCare. Rita is knowledgeable, unflappable, reliable, and simply a wonderful colleague to all of us.

This award, selected personally by Lorna Conn, CEO of Cpl, is so deserved. Rita, we are very proud of you.

Thank you to Beverley for capturing these magic moments.

Client Testimonial

We received a lovely thank-you card from a client that just started with us.

Just a little note to acknowledge the home care you are carrying out for X, and particularly the first-class care and attention being given to him by your wonderfully kind and gracious staff members.

*Please note the name is blanked out, as we respect client confidentiality at all times.

New Staff

We would like to welcome new Service Support Administrators to the team:

Sinead Tate

Frances Curley

Hawa Fundi

Lynne O'Brien

Welcome to Private HomeCare!

Annual Graduation Awards and Long Service Recognition

Our 2023 Annual Graduation and Long Service Recognition awards took place on Friday, May 26th last in the beautiful ballroom in the Spa Hotel, Lucan.

We were honoured to have Deputy Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Joanna Tuffy, as guest speaker. Cllr Tuffy also gave the guest speech at our last event in December. It was evident to all that she put a lot of effort into her speech, and had a very good understanding of home care, and the impact each of you bring to families every single day.

The real stars on the day though are our graduates who studied and worked hard for their QQI modules and exams, and our long service staff, some of whom celebrate 10 years with us.

We would like to thank our valedictorian speaker, Samantha Ward, as well as our other carer speakers, Catherine Igbrude and Inesa Gliozere. Your personal stories and achievements touch and inspire all of us. Congratulations!

This event also recognised our long-standing staff, who celebrate 3, 5 and 10 years' service with us. Some of our employees, including our office team, are with us for even longer than that!

Congratulations to all of you.

To quote Elizabeth Nicholson, founder and Managing Director, during her opening speech "Carers are the backbone of Private HomeCare."

We - and our clients and their families - truly appreciate your work, your kindness and compassion helping people to remain living in their own homes.



Dementia – Understand Together

We're proud to be part of the Dementia: Understand Together campaign and be supporting the launch of the new dementia inclusive community symbol.

By displaying the symbol in our communities, it's hoped that organisations and services will help to raise awareness for dementia and also show support for more than 64,000 people living with the condition in Ireland.

The campaign is led by the HSE, working with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI), Age Friendly Ireland, the Dementia Services Information and Development Centre, Age & Opportunity and Healthy Ireland.



Running for Age Action Ireland

Anna and Kellie from our Training department completed the Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday June 4th raising money for Age Action Ireland.



Carer Meet Ups

The nature of our work means that we don't get to meet face to face very often. That is why we host informal coffee meet-ups during the year. We welcome your suggestions for other ways we can facilitate gatherings. It's a great opportunity for us to hear your thoughts, get feedback, and just get to know you. Please send any suggestions to denise.doran@privatehomecare.ie

Lapel Pins

Reminder that you can collect your Private HomeCare lapel pin from our office anytime. These are posted to new employees with your starter info pack.

Advice from the Irish Cancer Society

We have had some great weather recently. Your wellbeing is very important to us.

Here is some advice from the Irish Cancer Society:

Currently skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Ireland, and prevention is better than cure. Getting too much sun can be harmful whatever your age. It exposes your skin to ultra violet radiation (UV rays) that can damage your skin and increase the risk of skin cancer. With good protection against UV rays, most cases of skin cancer could be avoided.

Remember being SunSmart isn't just for summer and to follow these tips all year around. For more tips on being SunSmart, see here.

Stay hydrated. Carry water and sunscreen.

Carer Benefits

We have been working hard to add more benefits for you. Whilst we are a small boutique company, we are part of a very large company, Cpl, which gives us access to benefits including a retail app with discounts such as petrol, home and leisure and clothing; pension, bike to work and travel saver tax schemes, wellness supports and more.

Check out our updated careers page.



Contact us

Interested in becoming a carer?

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