



# Abacus Care Cheshire Update

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### Staff News

Congratulations to the following staff:

Kerri, promoted to Homecare Coordinator  
Dawn, promoted to Branch Administrator  
Rebecca, promoted to Recruitment Consultant  
Georgie, promoted to Team Leader

### Job Opportunities

Home care staff required in Knutsford, Wilmslow, High Legh and Macclesfield to work between 8 to 16 hours per week.

Rota will be based over Saturday and Sunday on a permanent contract.

Additional hours may be available during the week.

## Messages from the Director

Thank you to all the staff and clients who attended our inaugural Client Forum meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at High Legh Village Hall. A special thank you goes to all the staff who put in such a lot of effort to make the event a success. It was in my humble opinion a great success. Pictures and short videos from the event will be available soon. The next Client Forum will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

As raised by Pat at the forum, every member of staff is valued and appreciated by our clients, so instead of having 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in our staff competition, all staff will be rewarded for their hard work and commitment. Starting from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 all active staff will receive a £30 "thank you" from Abacus Care Cheshire clients. This will be paid to 10 staff per week until all staff have received their bonus payment.

Our clients have expressed a lot of interest in "A Day Away with Abacus Care Cheshire". Any staff who are interested in supporting this or in providing clients with holiday support for a break of between 2 and 7 nights away, please forward your names to Ann, our Domiciliary Care Manager.

Chris

## Money Matters

### Timesheets

Please remember to hand in your timesheets or post them to the office in time to meet the Monday 5pm deadline. Payment on Friday will only be made for timesheets received by this deadline. Payment for late timesheets will be deferred until the following Friday.

You can post timesheets to Payroll Services, SAT Office, 73 Manchester Road, Woolston, WA1 4AE. You can also email scanned copies to [payroll@abacuscarecheshire.co.uk](mailto:payroll@abacuscarecheshire.co.uk). Please ensure that if you use this option the scanned copies are of sufficient quality to be clearly legible. The best formats for scanned copies are PDF or JPEG format. You are advised to avoid BMP format, as this takes up a lot of memory and will be slow to send via email.



## Picture Gallery

Jamie and Freya enjoying trips to a donkey sanctuary and Blackpool.



## Events Calendar



The next few training sessions will be provided in the training and education room at Big Storage, Woolston on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Courses on offer in June include: Data Protection, Anti-Discriminatory and Anti-Oppressive Practices, Moving & Handling, Pressure Care, Medication Management, Mental Health Awareness, Assertiveness Skills.

Quarterly and annual staff appraisals will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

A lot of new and exciting training and education sessions will be scheduled during the next year. Keep up-to-date with the courses available and forthcoming dates of training by visiting:

[www.abacuscarecheshire.co.uk/events/calendar.htm](http://www.abacuscarecheshire.co.uk/events/calendar.htm)

The next group of staff will be commencing their NVQ2 Health and Social Care training shortly. If you would like to be included, please get in touch.

For further details on available training and course dates or to register for courses, contact June via [training@abacuscarecheshire.co.uk](mailto:training@abacuscarecheshire.co.uk).

## Medical Device Alerts

Selected alerts from <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications>

**18 May 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Therapy chair manufactured by Pronefro SA and supplied in the UK by Hymed Healthcare Products Ltd (MDA/2010/042)**

This Medical Device Alert (MDA) has been issued because the bracket securing the armrest can bend or break when an occupant applies their bodyweight to the armrest. This can lead to the occupant falling and sustaining serious injury.

**13 May 2010 | Medical Device Alert: All chest drains when used with high-flow, low-vacuum suction systems (wall mounted) (MDA/2010/040)**

This Medical Device Alert (MDA) has been issued due to a report where a patient with a chest drain, which was under active suction, sustained a tension pneumothorax. This had been caused by the hospital vacuum system being directly attached to the patient's chest drain bottle without an intermediate collection jar or canister.

**11 May 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Peritoneal dialysis, Homechoice and Homechoice Pro automated system manufactured by Baxter Healthcare Ltd (MDA/2010/037)**

This Medical Device Alert (MDA) has been issued due to reports of patients experiencing overfilling of intra-peritoneal fluid (also referred to as increased intra-peritoneal volume or IIPV) arising from patient/user or prescription errors.



HSE Approved First Aid Training  
<http://www.abacuscarecheshire.co.uk/training.html>

HSE First Aid at Work Resources  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/>