



# Abacus Care Cheshire Update

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### Staff News

Congratulations to Ann and Janet who have been promoted to L2 this month.

Congratulations also to Helen who has passed the Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering.

### Job Opportunities

We are currently recruiting in the Chester area where Trish will be acting as the Team Leader for domiciliary care.

If you know of any friends or family who are looking for a well-paid job and potential for career progression and would like to join us in providing excellent client care, please pass their names on to Rebecca our Recruitment Consultant.

## Messages from the Director

It's been a very busy couple of months leading up to this newsletter.

Abacus Care Cheshire's new Registered Office is open for business on a secure 3-year lease. The new office will give the company room to grow and provides enhanced training and administration areas plus a fantastic boardroom where we will hold all future team meetings.

In common with all other care providers we are currently re-registering with the CQC to ensure compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

Abacus Care Cheshire has been awarded the ISO 9001:2008 quality systems standard. Thank you to all the staff who worked very hard to make this happen.

A new course will begin for budding new leaders in health and social care. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Chris, Director

## Money Matters

### Timesheets

Remember if you post timesheets these should go to the new office premises at the following address:

Payroll Services, Registered Office, Abacus Care (Cheshire) Limited, 168a Forster Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7AX.

To avoid delayed payment ensure that timesheets arrive before Monday 5pm.

You can also email scanned copies as usual 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.

Payroll Services



Please consider the environment and think whether you need to print out a copy of this newsletter

### Picture Gallery

A good time was had by all at the Client Forum in May!



## The Next Client Forum

*The first Client Forum was a great success. Thank you again to all the staff that made it a success.*

*The next client forum will be planned very soon. Any ideas of what we should do and where it could be held to Ann our Domiciliary Care Manager.*

*Remember to discuss with your clients what they think and get their ideas of what form and format the next client forum should take.*



## Training Calendar



Abacus Care Cheshire will be running a new two-year course to begin this September. 5 individuals are sought to undertake the NVQ 4 in Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care.

The opportunity will be advertised internally and externally. If you are interested initially let June have your name. Further information will be provided in August.

Training days are held regularly on Thursdays and Fridays on most weeks. Nearly all training sessions are held at the dedicated Training Room in the new office premises at 168a Forster Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7AX, except Moving and Handling training, which takes place in Knutsford.

Our Training Room now boasts mobility aids such as an adjustable bed, electric reclining chair, a wheelchair, elbow crutches and a perching stool, to help our care staff to practice various care techniques. Many of these training aids were kindly donated by the family of Thomas who was our client.

Courses on offer in August include: Fire Safety, Health and Safety, Infection Control, Data Protection, Pressure Care, First Aid, Mental Health Awareness, Assertion Skills and Food Hygiene.

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)

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>

### 06 Jul 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Various models of Anaesthetic CareStations manufactured by GE Healthcare (MDA/2010/058)

The O2 flush button can become impeded by the work surface of the care station and stick in the open or partially open position, resulting in flow of O2 into the breathing system.

### 30 Jun 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Alvema ITO pushchair for disabled children manufactured by Eurovema AB and supplied in the UK by Rainbow Mobility Ltd (MDA/2010/057)

The frame tubes can break causing the pushchair to tip and injure the occupant or carer.

### 29 Jun 2010 | Medical Device Alert: TruSat Pulse Oximeter manufactured by GE Healthcare (formerly Datex-Ohmeda) (MDA/2010/055)

Possibility of excessive leakage current resulting in abnormal heart rhythm or burns.

### 28 Jun 2010 | Medical Device Alert: All 5008 & 5008S haemodialysis machines manufactured by Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA (MDA/2010/053)

An electronic component may fail and cause the visual screen display of the haemodialysis machine to 'black out'. Smoke may also be released from the screen.

### 21 Jun 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Appollo bath hoists manufactured by Reva Industries Ltd (MDA/2010/051)

The original bath hoist seat not being fitted with a safety device to stop the occupant falling from the seat if they start to slip and potentially sustaining serious injury.

### 15 Jun 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Liftmaster 160 and 190 electrical hoist manufactured by Patterson Medical Ltd (MDA/2010/049)

The boom and spreader bar assembly may detach from the hoist during use, with the potential for the occupant to fall and sustain serious injury. The manufacturer has been unable to trace all affected assemblies.

### 27 May 2010 | Medical Device Alert: Handle assembly fitted to monkey pole manufactured by Rolko GmbH and supplied in the UK by Hill-Rom (MDA/2010/045)

The height adjuster can fail in use, resulting in the strap extending and the handle dropping. This may cause the patient to fall and sustain an injury.

**Volunteers are sought to arrange regular staff nights out in Macclesfield and Warrington. Please contact Ann, our Domiciliary Care Manager.**



Health and Social Care Act 2008

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Legislation>

ISO 9001:2008 Standard

[http://www.iso.org/iso/iso\\_9001\\_2008](http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_9001_2008)