

The EDS Post | Spring 2020

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter, The EDS Post, which brings you our latest news and updates.

During these unprecedented times that we are living through it is almost impossible to avoid the subject of COVID-19, but for everyone's safety we must continue to keep this at the forefront of everything we do, to make sure everyone — our staff, clients and respective families — keep safe and well.

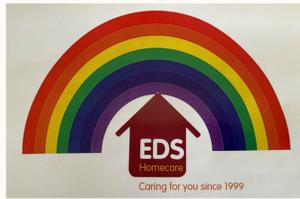
Just thinking about Coronavirus can be overwhelming at times, but we do have some good news that will hopefully lift everyone's spirits and we know that by working together we will get through these difficult and dark days.

Our good news starts with a massive 'thank you' to our incredible team of care staff for continuing to deliver their wonderful care at such a trying time. If care work has ever been described as a selfless act, then it certainly needs to be said now.

We would also like to praise and recognise everyone working within the NHS, which of course everyone should, but just as importantly there should be the same appreciation for the community care services, who continue to go the extra mile with little thought of their own health and wellbeing — they are truly the unsung heroes of this pandemic.

The management teams here at EDS Homecare also need acknowledging, because although they mostly work behind the scenes, without their dedication, support and interventions, none of what we do — and have done over the past few challenging weeks — would have been possible.

In recognition of the appreciation we have for everyone working in the health and care service sectors we have our rainbow, below, which is being proudly displayed in the cars of our carers and all staff; if you haven't already done so, why not display a rainbow in your front window?



And, please do make sure to remember to join in with the Thursday evening 'Claps' at 8pm, in support of all the doctors, nurses, emergency service workers, carers and many more who are providing care on the front line.

Join in, even if you can't get to your door, because it feels good knowing that the nation has truly come together to recognise their dedication and to nationally celebrate the wonderful people we are surrounded by.

Our final thanks go to Baslow Health Centre, not only for their on-going support to our clients, but also to us a care provider, it is so very much appreciated. To the staff and pupils at Henry Fanshaw School, Dronfield, we can't thank you enough for creating and donating face shields that helped to keep our frontline carers safe. Christine White (Sew I Can) also deserves a massive 'thank you' for making and donating fabric face masks, again, helping to keep all our fabulous carers safe.

We hope you and your family keep well and we look forward to seeing you soon.

If you have any questions or concerns specifically about Coronavirus (COVID-19) please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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New arrival

On a very happy note, Kate and Jake are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their newest daughter. Kate and Jake are incredibly proud to be the parents of Evangeline Lucy-Mae — Eva for short — who is an absolute delight.

She was fortunately born just before Coronavirus got to the UK and changed the world as we had known it. You may have noticed that Zoe W hasn't been at work for the last few weeks, which is because of her pregnancy and the higher risk that COVID-19 may pose to expectant mothers. So, she is staying at home until her baby arrives this summer. She often sends emails and sends her love to everyone.

A personal message from Lucy & Tim

"After careful planning over the last three years, we have officially transferred ownership of the business to Kate and Jake — this transfer occurred in March when things were much more normal!"



"As part of our exit plan we will be around this first year offering advice, helping with training and receiving regular managerial updates. We have loved building and being part of Eyam Domiciliary Service over the last 20 years and could not have done this without you!"

We're not getting married in the morning

In less cheerful news, as thousands of events around the country have had to be cancelled, Caroline's wedding — which was planned for 28 May — has been postponed to 27 May 2021. Although it is now over a year away, she remains very upbeat and excited, as we all are in the office.



EDS Homecare's priorities

EDS Homecare would like to remind all carers, clients, relatives and friends that their priority is to keeping everyone safe and well.

Carers — please continue to provide the high standards of care that you always do, in line with EDS Homecare's policies. The management team are eternally grateful for your hard work and dedication and have agreed to arrange a celebration to acknowledge your commitment and courage when this is all over.

Clients — please continue to support our carers in their work by providing hand washing and drying facilities; continue to respect social distancing and do not hesitate to let EDS Homecare know about any symptoms that may develop or any concerns you have.

Relatives and Friends — please continue to support your family member or friend to support our carers. Please encourage your family member or friend to prioritise their health and follow social distancing as outlined by the government.

Happy Birthdays

I am sure you will join everyone at EDS Homecare in wishing the following ladies and gentlemen a very Happy Birthday.

Judy R turned 80 in April, Derek B turned 90 in April and our 'biggest' spring birthdays include Joyce F, who will be 97 in May and, also in May, Ann T will be getting a message from HM the Queen!

