



SCOTLAND' COMMUNITY MEAL SERVICES RECEIVE TOP AWARD

Last night Derek Johnson Chair of the National Association of Care Catering recognised the hard work and endeavours of all of Scotland's Community Meal Services, when he presented the NACC Chairman's Award. The award was accepted on behalf of the services by Margaret Clarke the Scottish Regional Chair for the NACC.

Derek cited their ability to overcome the challenges of the winter which this year was particularly long and hard, and how all the staff pulled together and overcame the difficulties caused by the ice and snow. There were many staff who walked to work, only then to have to spend much of their delivery time walking to houses as roads were impassable – in one particular rural area this amounted to 45 minutes getting from the meals van to the house and back. The services were dedicated and committed to ensure all of their service users received a meal and the staff were also able to ensure that despite being isolated and vulnerable at home the service users were fit and well.

Derek said “ To keep going over a 9 week period with such adverse condition is a testament to the dedication of these services who not only provide a meal but ensure the well-being and welfare of their service users was not compromised. These services are a shining example as to why we need good community meals services delivering good nutritional care in the community across the UK.”

Derek added “For many of the service users this was the only contact they had with another person in over two months, and without the service they would have been totally isolated and alone.”

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC has a petition asking for support in raising awareness of this issue, and that of malnutrition to a wider audience. For more information log on to www.thenacc.co.uk

The NACC's No One Should Go Hungry campaign is an ongoing campaign to raise the profile of malnutrition in the care sector, and demonstrate the benefits to all of good nutrition. Improved quality of life for those at risk, less demands on their carers, health and social care services.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector