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NACC Comments on Kane Gorny Incident

The death of Kane Gorny from dehydration in hospital is appalling, and the coverage given to this sad report once again highlights the lack of care afforded to those receiving care services. A 22 year old dying makes headline news, but what news is allotted to older people in care services, they do not have a voice. There are over 400,00 people in care services across the country let alone the thousands of older people living in the community.

The recent census indicates there are over 9 million people over 65 living in this country that represents 1 in 6 people and the over 90's number 430,000 a large number of these will be either malnourished or dehydrated.

The National association of Care Catering (NACC) has been campaigning to raise the awareness of the levels of dehydration in the older population and has recently held their second National Dehydration Week. If we consider ourselves to be a first world country these issues need to be addressed by both government and legislative bodies before this current headline news becomes the norm.

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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 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