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## AIRTHREY CARE HOME, AIRTH, ANNOUNCED AS WINNER AT SCOTTISH CARE AWARDS 2020

The team at Airthrey Care Home in Airth has been recognised as some of the leading care home employees in Scotland at a prestigious evening awards ceremony celebrating the contribution of care home staff before and during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Airthrey Care Home won the ***Palliative & End of Life Care Practise Award*** at the Scottish Care Awards 2020. This award recognises an individual or a team, that has shown particular commitment to the development of staff undertaking and support of individuals receiving palliative and end of life care (PEOLC).

Airthrey Care Home was announced as the winner of the ***Palliative & End of Life Care Practise Award*** at an online Awards Ceremony hosted by presenter, columnist and Pop Idol winner, Michelle McManus and Scottish Care CEO, Dr Donald Macaskill on Friday 14 May 2021.

**Bobby Dougan, the Meallmore's Area Manager for the Central East, who submitted the awards nomination said:**

*“At Airthrey Care Home the wellbeing and happiness of our residents is at the heart of everything we do. We continuously strive to work as a team to ensure that the residents at Airthrey care home receive the highest standard of care and support every day. We are committed to ensuring a whole team approach to the delivery of palliative care and ensuring that the residents are cared for with compassion and kindness especially at the end of life. Our staff team are committed and passionate about delivering a high standard of care and ensuring that our residents are comfortable, relaxed and respected from the moment they come into our care.*”

*Airthrey has embedded a strong and compassionate approach to Palliative and End Of Life Care, feedback on simple touches are humbling, and understanding how the small gestures that have been introduced have helped families has given us the opportunity to truly reflect with families on the impact their loved one has had on us, not only the impact we have had on them.”*

The past year has been difficult for everyone, but it has been especially difficult for our care homes as the Covid-19 virus has presented a particular threat to the lives of residents and staff in care homes for adults.

Yet throughout this time, the dedication and professionalism of staff in supporting residents, families and each other has been exceptional. Care home staff have demonstrated resilience whilst adapting to the challenges of Covid-19. The care home response to Covid-19 has involved new innovative activity, unprecedented collaboration and people going above and beyond the call of duty.

The Care Home Awards was therefore an important opportunity to recognise best practice and all the excellent work within the care home sector. It was an opportunity to say thank you and express our gratitude to all the individuals who make up the care home workforce.

The awards have been hailed a huge success in recognising individuals, teams and companies, who are delivering care at an incredibly high standard in challenging period and within an increasingly demanding work environment.

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