**Welcome** to the June edition of the Prosper newsletter, designed to keep you updated with the progress of the Prosper project.

**Home of the Month** 🌟

We are pleased to announce that our first home to get the title “Home of the Month” goes to Corner House for their “know your resident” event they held on 31st May.

This event was created as an innovative team building event for all staff to work with different departments they wouldn’t usually work with around the home, and the residents being the main focus.

This was an all-day event and started at 8am with staff turning up dressed as their favourite famous person. Residents giggled and laughed all day, guessing who everybody was, they had Cleopatra, Dolly Parton, Pocahontas, Despicable me Character, Robin Hood to name but a few.

The evening consisted of a 42 question quiz for the teams to complete, and you guessed it each answer related to one of the homes 42 residents.

Some sample questions, included:

- Who use to live next door to Ivy Benson
- Who flew Very Lynn as the pilot
- Who was chauffeur to Rod Stewart
- Who was a secretary to the Queen
- Who’s budgie lives here with us

This is a great example about building staff culture in the home and making sure all staff know how important their role is, and the difference they make to the residents lives.

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**Home of the Month**

Don’t forget to send us what you have been doing for a chance to be the next PROSPER Home of the Month

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**Did You Know**

Drinking a glass of water before bed helps prevent strokes and heart attacks

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**Healthy Heart**

Healthy You
Person centred care – The Oaks

Following on with the Person Centred Care theme we have a great example of how The Oaks, Great Bentley work hard to deliver a person centred approach at all times:

The Home recently had a new resident aged 93 came into the home and mentioned that he had a good friend who was 103 living in a care home in Colchester. He had been invited to go and see her, but he hadn't been able to do so. The home had to take him to a hospital appointment, and decided to do a surprise diversion on the way home and took the gentleman to see his friend, which was great for both of them as they got to finally see each other and spend some quality time together. Jackie Poynter (manager) stated: Moral of the story is to make good use of your time to incorporate a person centred outing. They were going out anyway, so why not add in something to make it more enjoyable.

Patient Safety Awards

We are delighted to announce PROSPER has been shortlisted for the 2016 Patient Safety Awards, in the category Changing Culture to Improve Patient Safety. An award ceremony will held at Manchester Central on the 5 July 2016.

Alastair McLellan, Editor, HSJ and Jenni Middleton, Editor, Nursing Times wrote:

“Congratulations to the finalists of the Patient Safety Awards 2016. This year the awards really highlight those organisations who are not only doing their day jobs, but going above and beyond every day to deliver exceptional patient care and safety. The projects submitted demonstrate those who are constantly innovating and overcoming challenges to put patients’ needs first.”

There were over 650 submissions of which 170 made the final cut. In PROSPER’s category we are the only social care project. Being shortlisted for this award is an amazing achievement and shows all your hard work and success is being recognised!
Other News…

The PROSPER Awards ★

We have just less than 2 weeks to go to the big day, the first ever PROSPER Awards is taking place on 22nd June 2016.

The event is being held to mark the end of the 2 year Health Foundation part of the project, and to celebrate all your hard work and dedication that has made the project as successful as it to date.

All homes that have been shortlisted have now received their special invitations and the guest list is being drawn up.

For homes who have not been shortlisted, or didn’t get the chance to nominate, there are a small number of places still available, an email was sent recently advising to email the PROSPER inbox if you are interested in attending the event, we can have up to 2 guests from each home. Closing date for responses is 9am Monday 13th June. Further instructions regarding directions to the event will be sent Monday afternoon. We here at PROSPER can’t wait to see you there!

Also Next Months edition of the Newsletter will be a special PROSPER award bumper edition!!

Gert Suit Launch

The GERT age simulation suit is with us and we will soon be ready to launch this exciting experiential learning. We are holding an official breakfast launch on the 4th July to show case the suits. After this we will be looking at hiring venues in the districts to offer training to staff from your homes to attend. Keep an eye on future newsletter and emails for further information.

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