



NEWSLETTER

HUNTINGTONS QUEENSLAND

2014 Winter Edition

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the March Newsletter I provided you with an update on the activities Huntingtons Queensland was undertaking in order to continue to receive the funding grant from Queensland Health. This included the preparation and distribution of a Survey to many of you. I am very pleased to advise that around 100 responses were received and this has been extremely helpful in the review and update of our Strategic Plan. A summary of the results of the Survey are included on page 9 of this Newsletter. Thank you to all who responded.

Queensland Health has advised us that the current funding arrangements will now be extended to 30th September 2014 and that we are required to submit our Transition Plan by this date. This Transition Plan is required to state how Huntingtons Queensland will be sustainable into the future without Queensland Health funding beyond 31st December 2015. At our recent Committee of Management meeting the draft Strategic Plan 2014-2016 was adopted. The next steps are to finalise the Strategic Plan and from it prepare an Operational Plan that will include timeframes and responsibility for implementation. We will also continue to talk to organisations that could be potential future partners.

I wish to advise that our Executive Officer Cheryl Miller has resigned. I would like to thank Cheryl for her work at Huntingtons Queensland through this difficult and challenging time and wish her well in her future endeavours.

It is also pleasing to welcome two new members to our Committee of Management Cate Barrett and Jeff Allen. Cate will be familiar to many of you through her work with the HD Clinic and Jeff has worked with HQ since last September on our planning and negotiations with Queensland Health and other potential organisations as partners.

With the new financial year our memberships are due once again. We'd greatly appreciate receiving your renewal as soon as possible, see enclosed Form. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the next few months so I would ask you to consider becoming a member of the Committee of Management or you may have a friend or know someone that would be interested. If so please let us know.

Gerry Doyle, President

ANTICIPATED DATES FOR HYPe, COFFEE CATCH UP & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS (JUL- SEP 2014)

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| Bundaberg HYPe - July Fri 11 | Logan FSG – Aug Thu 21 |
| Bundaberg / Rainbow Beach / Gympie CCU - July Mon/Tue 14/15 | Brisbane CCU – Aug Wed 27 |
| Combined CCU – July Fri 18 | Sunshine Coast FSG – Aug Fri 29 |
| Brisbane Nth FSG (previously Caboolture FSG) - July Thu 24 | Toowoomba CCU – Sept Wed 17 |
| Brisbane CCU - July Wed 30 | Brisbane Nth FSG – Sept Thu 18 |
| Gold Coast (Nth) FSG – Aug Mon 4 | Toowoomba FSG – Sept Fri 19 |
| Ipswich FSG – Aug Wed 6 | Rockhampton / Gladstone / Mackay Regional Trip – Sept Mon-Wed 22-24 |
| Brisbane CCU – Aug Fri 15 | Toowoomba HYPe – Sept Fri 26 |
| Brisbane East FSG – Aug Wed 20 | Brisbane HYPe – Sept Tue 30 |

FROM THE WELFARE DESK...

Hi all!

We hope this Newsletter finds you healthy and well, as finally, winter sets in. The Welfare Team has been involved in many activities over the last few months that we would like to share with you.

DAY CENTRE

The Day Centre continues to have clients come in from all over Brisbane to attend three times a month. We have a very regular routine of bowling, outings and music in the form of concerts at the Brisbane City Hall, which appears to satisfy most people's very different interests. Increasingly we've tried to access the community on Tuesdays, as most of our clients are relatively young and aren't yet ready for the quiet life!



We've started attending Sailability at Graceville once a term, which has been wonderfully relaxing and a great excuse for us to make a picnic of it down beside the river enjoying the wonderful Queensland winter weather. Whilst most of us are content to enjoy a sedate trip down the river on the 'party boat', several of our members have gone out in the single hull yachts and shown the rest of us how it's done.



The concerts at City Hall are a wonderful resource for us, with high quality performers and various musical styles. It's also a great treat to enjoy such a beautiful space along with other members of our community and feel like we really are a part of the city and its happenings. Recently we enjoyed a musical tribute to the Beatles from the period between 1965 and 1970, and whilst a number of us were too young to remember the music and appreciate the skill of the musicians, most of us really enjoyed the trip down memory lane and marveled at the extraordinary bad taste of the dress from that time!

Bowling continues to be enjoyed by our clients, and it's always interesting to see how contests often develop along the age old lines of "girls vs boys". We've also missed having Helen here for the past month whilst she jetted off overseas, as her legendary sandwiches add so much more to the picnic experience. We've again travelled up the river on the CityHopper (the free Brisbane River ferry) and picnicked afterwards by the river. There's just something very calming about being around water and wonderful views and most people appear to really enjoy it. Roma Street Parklands is another favourite picnic spot.

We're always open to good ideas for outings that are inexpensive and fun, and as a young and active group, providing that kind of stimulation on a budget continues to be an interesting challenge.



COFFEE CATCH UP (CCU) GROUP

The Coffee Catch Up group continues to meet twice a month. This group is for younger people who are in the early stages of HD. It gives them an opportunity to link in with others in similar circumstances. We've welcomed new people to the group this term as we've said goodbye to others who've moved away. At each gathering we catch up over a lovely meal – for instance the group enjoyed a delicious lunch at the



Pancake
Manor at Garden City, Upper Mt Gravatt. In June our greater Brisbane CCU members caught up with the Toowoomba contingent meeting for a coffee in Fernvale Park. We then travelled on to the Cormorant Café set in a beautiful spot overlooking the Wivenhoe Dam. A scrumptious lunch

was served – a feast, not only for our bellies, but our eyes too – served by lovely staff. We couldn't recommend the café enough should you be out that way.

Afterwards we went back to the famous Fernvale Pie Shop where people bought pies, bread and other yummy treats to take home to their families for dinner. Christine and Tressa would especially like to thank Terriann who drove the Toowoomba group down in a van to join in with the Brisbane members for a great day out.

At this point we'd really like to thank the IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) once again for their generous financial support as without them these young



members would not be able to come together. If you'd like to know about the CCU group please don't hesitate to phone or email Christine or Tressa. We have brochures available for your information.



REGIONAL TRIPS

In March Christine spent five days travelling in and around the Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Maryborough region. It was lovely to catch up with families, some of whom we haven't seen for quite some time. In Bundaberg nineteen family members joined Christine for dinner at the RSL. It was a wonderful turn out where old friends reconnected and new people came along to share in the support and friendship of other families affected by HD. It was a great opportunity for Christine to meet with new people whom we've been talking to for a little while and finally to meet face-to-face over a coffee. Coming across so many new people during this trip meant that Christine was not able to get to the Cooloola coast region including Gympie, Tin Can Bay, Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach. Christine will be visiting this area during July and will be in touch with families as this occurs.

During March Tressa visited our clients in Mackay, Rockhampton and Gladstone. It was good to catch up with people that we'd not seen for some time and equally nice to meet others we'd not met before and hear their stories. A small number of families attended the family support group lunch in Mackay and all appeared to enjoy catching up and renewing friendships forged through their shared experiences of Huntington's Disease. Tressa also took the opportunity to meet with professionals and service providers involved in the care of our clients and appreciating the good work that goes on in our regional centres.

Last month Tressa spent five days in Townsville to meet a number of our regional families. Townsville has a wonderful family support group which meets regularly and supports each other through all the ups and downs that life brings. In the absence of a formal organisation in the north, they do a fantastic job. Christine also travelled to Townsville for one day to meet with the group when we celebrated Jean's and Danika's birthdays whilst enjoying the kind of weather and scenery that only North Queensland can provide. Whilst in Townsville Tressa also met with a number of the local service providers who provide our families with support. It was nice to put faces to the names of people that we've spoken to, or emailed for quite some time.



In June Christine spent five days with families in Cairns. It was a busy trip with over 1500kms travelled including Cairns to Cooktown - such a spectacular drive with views ranging from coastal vistas, rain forest and on to the tableland. Christine also drove down to Innisfail and spent time in and around Cairns meeting various families. She hosted a family support group at Brothers League Club with eight family members attending. It was lovely for old friends to catch up and for new families to learn more about the support that only the HD community seems to be able to bring. Whilst in Cairns Christine was invited to be a guest speaker at the ***Rotary Club of Cairns*** luncheon where she spoke for about twenty minutes on the impact of HD on families and the community. The Rotarians were very interested to hear about the support services that we provide and also about the challenges our families are facing. Following the luncheon the Club presented Huntingtons Queensland with a \$500 cheque. This will go toward the costs of bringing young Cairns families with children to join in with the HYPe holiday in Hervey Bay.

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Further to all of that the Gold Coast family support group continues to flourish. We've been very fortunate over the past year to receive funding from the Queensland Community Foundation (Gold Coast branch) to cover the cost of lunches for our Gold Coast families. These lunches have alternated between Currumbin and Helensvale – South and North Gold Coast. The group is always well attended. The family members are always very warm and welcoming - a lovely day out.

The Toowoomba family support group regularly meets at the Toowoomba City Golf Club over lunch, another supportive group, as are all our groups. In June we were joined by some new members to the group which was lovely for them to come along. Furthermore when Christine was in Toowoomba she was honoured to be invited to a photography exhibition in which one of our clients participated. The photos were part of a photo voice exhibition, some of which you can see on the next page.



The Sunshine Coast family support group still gets together at the Alexandra Headlands Surf Life Saving Club and they are always welcoming new members – yet another friendly and supportive group.

Redlands family support group (previously known as the Brisbane East group) meets at changing venues ranging from barbeques to community clubs – a very supportive group again providing support that family members are so good at. The Ipswich family support group continues to grow, meeting at Brothers Leagues Club. Some of our family members have indicated that they'd like to start coordinating that group on a more regular basis. More news will be given at this becomes available. To kick start this group, Brothers have donated a \$50 voucher to go towards coffees at their Club – a wonderfully supportive group who are most welcoming of new members.



Christine and Tressa are now busy back in the office following up from their work on their regional trips and the many local family support groups they facilitate and generally touching base with family members to check how people are going. Our support groups are always a wonderful way to bring people together to provide support to one another but also a chance to catch up over a coffee. We are keen to explore more options with family members. If you would like to be a contact person for one of our support groups or start your own group, please let us know so that we can speak to you more about that. You can also call us if you would like to know more about support groups in your area.

HYPe (HUNTINGTONS YOUTH PROGRAM ETC)

This wonderful group continues to grow with every outing we organise. Currently we have over 90 children and youths around Queensland who engage with us at any given time for school holiday activities. The program is supported so very generously by the Sunnybank Community & Sports Club. In June Christine and Gerry attended a presentation day at the Sunnybank Club where our DVD about the HYPe program was played. The response to the DVD was overwhelming with such generous and complimentary comments made about the program. We sincerely thank Sunnybank for their wonderful support. Without their generous assistance we would not be able to do the fun activities we do, bringing families together, giving them memorable experiences whilst providing them with much needed support.



During the Easter school holidays 25 kids and parents gathered at the Southbank Cinemas to catch a movie followed by American style burgers at Grill'd Healthy Burgers...such a treat...burgers were delicious, staff were amazing and everyone had a great day. To top off the day, Grill'd gave Huntingtons Queensland a donation of \$300 from their Community Giving Program.

On the 30th of June our biggest day ever was held when 49 kids, parents and other family members enjoyed an amazing day out at Movie World. The long line-ups for rides weren't enough to dampen spirits and everyone had lots of fun on the rides with some meeting their favourite characters such as Batman, Tweety Bird and Austin Powers. We managed to snap some great photos of the day as you'll see in this article. If you would like to learn more about the HYPe program please do give us a call as we'd love you to join in.



In the September school holidays we'll organise another HYPE day out but our next big event will be our family holiday at the end of the year in Hervey Bay.



The HYPE program doesn't just cover school holiday events. From time to time we are able to help with children's school and education expenses. In May we purchased a computer through the Sunnybank community grant scheme for a young boy so that he is able to keep up with his schooling. Please call if you'd like to find out more.



STUDENT FROM QUT

In July we will be welcoming Emma Jheng to our team. Emma is a student in the Masters of Social Work program at QUT and will be working in our office from Monday to Thursday each week for a four month period. Over this time many of you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Emma who is keen to get to know family members and hear your stories and also to learn and experience what it is like to work with people affected by HD and their families and carers. Feel free to give us a call if you'd like to say "Hi!" to Emma. We look forward to her joining our team.

SURVEY

We recently sent out a big Survey to our families and members. We wish to thank everyone who provided feedback not only about the services we offer but also about Huntingtons Queensland in general. The data has been collated and we are using this information to improve and change the services we provide to be more in line with what our families want. If you have questions about the Survey please do feel free to give us a call. In the meantime we are putting some new strategies and changes into place which we will communicate to our family members as they come through either directly or via the Newsletter.

GOODBYE

Finally, as this Newsletter goes to print, we say goodbye to Cheryl Miller who has been our Executive Officer now for almost two years. We wish her well and offer her our thanks for her time and support here at Huntingtons Queensland.

Christine Fox and Tressa Byrne - the Welfare Team



Important Notice!

CHANGES TO CENTRELINK DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION

There has been much talk in the media recently about changes to the Disability Support Pension. Many people have gone through a pretty hard and long battle to be able to prove their eligibility for the DSP and there is now some concern and uncertainty about how these changes will affect people with HD who receive this benefit. We do not know ourselves what impact this will have - hopefully none - but if you, or someone you care for with HD, are at risk of losing their DSP please contact our Welfare Team who will be happy to help look into this with you.

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If you or a friend would like to make a donation to Huntingtons Queensland, please return the slip below to our office with your payment. Alternatively you can donate online – go to www.huntingtonqld.com. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. We will send you a receipt for taxation purposes.



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Announcing the 2014 Australian HD conference.....

“Embracing Opportunities with HD”

National HD Conference 2014

Perth, Western Australia 11th - 12th September 2014

As part of its 40th anniversary celebrations, Huntington's WA invites you to the National Huntington's Conference at the UWA Club, University of Western Australia, Perth. It will bring together family members, researchers, allied health professionals, care workers and members and supporters of all Huntington's Disease Associations across Australia.



An exciting line up of inspirational keynote speakers including but not limited to:

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| <i>Prof Richard Faull</i> | <i>HD & the Human Brain</i> |
| <i>Prof Nellie Georgiou-Karistianis</i> | <i>The IMAGE-HD Study</i> |
| <i>Tony Mims</i> | <i>Development of Youth Services in Australia & Worldwide</i> |
| <i>Dr Andrew Churchyard</i> | <i>Prevalence of HD in Asia & Oceania</i> |
| <i>Prof Peter Panagyres</i> | <i>New Treatments for HD</i> |

The Conference will also include presenters from interstate Associations, community members, Brightwater Care Group, Prana Biotechnology, Carers WA, Genetic Services WA and more.

Registrations are now open with discounted early bird prices available until Thursday 31st July 2014.

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| Family Members | Early Bird \$150 | Standard \$180 |
| Corporate | Early Bird \$250 | Standard \$300 |

40th Celebrations Conference Dinner \$120 (Government House Thursday 11th Sept 2014)

Full programme and registration, including tips on where to stay, great things to see and do in Perth in Spring, available from www.huntingtonswa.org.au

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RECENT SURVEY RESULTS

INTRODUCTION

In March 2014, Huntingtons Queensland conducted a Survey relating to the services and support being provided by the Association. The Survey involved families, clients and carers across the State.

Participants were asked to rate their level of satisfaction and priority in regard to each of the services provided by the Association (from very dissatisfied to very satisfied) and the priority of each service (either low, medium or high).

The Survey contained four sections:

Services of the Association

Support Groups (such as the Coffee Catch Up group)

Services and Support Provided in Regional Queensland

Services Provided by the HQ Main Office

The Association was very pleased with the number of responses to the Survey, with 101 surveys being returned (as at 30 June 2014). 48% of respondents indicated I am/have been a carer of someone with HD, 45.5% indicated they had a family member with HD and 44.7% indicated they were a member of HQ.

RESULTS

Services of the Association

| Service | Priority | Satisfaction |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Information and education | 87.5 % High | 58.2% Very satisfied |
| Advice and referrals | 80.0% High | 50% Very satisfied |
| Accommodation | 68.1% High | 50.8% Very satisfied |
| Fundraising | 64.4% High | N/A |
| Equipment | 41.8% Low | 62.9% Satisfied |
| Residential care | 29.6% High | 30.8% Very dissatisfied |

Support Groups

| Service | Priority | Satisfaction |
|-----------------------|------------|---|
| Family support groups | 86.8% High | 72% Very satisfied |
| Coffee catch up | 79.2% High | 68% Very satisfied |
| Day respite | 44.5% High | 50% Dissatisfied 31.25% Very satisfied |
| Social activities | 38% High | N/A |
| HYPe | N/A | N/A |
| HDYO | N/A | N/A |

Services and Support Provided in Regional Queensland

The overwhelming results of the regional response is that families want **more support services** at the local level, **greater autonomy** to coordinate support locally and **improved access** to the Welfare Staff by telephone. 57.5% of survey respondents indicated they were a member of a support group.



| Service | Priority |
|-----------------------|------------|
| One to one visits | 43.5% High |
| Family support groups | 43.5% High |
| Social activities | 23.9% High |
| Phone counselling | 18% High |

Other Services you would like the Association to provide

| Service | Indicated Yes |
|---|---------------|
| More family support | 43.7% |
| Improved access to Welfare Staff by phone | 40.2% |
| More visits to one area for those who need help | 20.7% |

Services Provided by the Huntingtons Queensland Main Office

| Service | Satisfaction |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| HD Newsletter | 72.5% Very satisfied |
| Staff communication | 63.5% Very satisfied |
| Management Committee | 63.5% Very satisfied |
| Website | 51.9% Very satisfied |
| Office parking | 31.8% Dissatisfied |
| Staff being unavailable when called | 20.0% Dissatisfied |

Level of Agreement with the Following Statements

| Statement | Agreement |
|--|----------------------|
| Huntingtons Queensland provides a unique service not offered elsewhere | 80.6% Strongly agree |
| Huntingtons Queensland provides an important service to those affected by Huntington's Disease | 78.8% Strongly agree |
| Huntingtons Queensland helps me to better understand and care for those affected by Huntington's Disease | 69.8% Strongly agree |

COMMENTS FROM RESPONDENTS

HQ received considerable feedback from respondents – HQ cannot include all of the comments in this summary.

Constructive Feedback

- Used to be services provided to me but I no longer receive any communication or visits from HQ
- We appear to have been forgotten by Huntingtons Queensland – the only communication we receive is the Newsletter
- Entire HQ office service needs a complete overhaul with particular attention to staffing. There is an enormous amount of dissatisfaction relative to support across the state
- Focus more on fundraising



- Need to improve communication between regional people and their General Practitioners and the HD Clinic
- Help with HQ Doctors at HD Clinic needs to be expanded
- Little contact with Brisbane, local support group people very helpful.
- Limited/no support offered for regional area people – no other activities or support apart from one visit a year by Welfare Staff
- We know it is our choice to live in regional areas but sometimes we feel forgotten about. No contact from the Association for 6-12 months not even a phone call – we get to read about all the activities and options available for those in the city. More phone contact would be appreciated.

Positive Comments

Regional

- Living in Townsville we found the visits from Welfare Staff very beneficial – good to be able to talk face-to-face with someone from HQ and they were always helpful
- I think HQ does a wonderful job with the resources it has – more respite for carers and more facilities needed at the regional level

Welfare

- The Welfare Officers are a god send – they do the job so well and I don't know what I would do without them
- After my husband was diagnosed with HD, we were in limbo for years not knowing what to expect. Where to go for help or what was available. One phone call to HQ and we have ongoing contact and support from well informed well trained staff who have so much knowledge and advice. Through Queensland Health cuts, we've already lost our speech therapist, social worker and liaison nurse with the HD Clinic at the RBH
- HQ were invaluable in helping me to understand Lesley's needs in relation to her HD
- My husband had HD and HQ could not have helped anymore, they were there when I needed help and any other member of his family

Support groups

- I do not have a normal social life – I wouldn't go out at all if it wasn't for the admin and social workers I have made better friends through HQ and non-HD people think I look ok so must be
- I very much enjoy the coffee catch up – we can discuss anything with the group but feel flat afterwards as there seems no solutions are reached to how to solve the problems

Website

- Take pictures at meetings and publish in Newsletters
- Has to be positive and upbeat not always about the suffering
- Focus on how to survive daily living – eg going on holidays, planting a garden, walking on the beach

General

- Assistance provided by HQ saved my life
- Assistance provided by HQ prolonged the life of my husband
- Hate to see services cease cause help is needed
- The community cannot afford to lose these services
- A great needed organisation with more support needed
- The services provided when my wife was suffering was outstanding



- The service is vital and a very important support to people affected by HD. Without it, a lot of families would be isolated and have nowhere else to turn. I hope the service continues for many years to come. Thank you for all your wonderful support.
- My family and I have been associated with and members of HQ for many years. Without their support and knowing their services are there when we need them, we would not feel as supported as we do. This service is vital for all HD families
- The friendliness and knowledge of all have been in contact with is a great comfort to my family
- Thank you for helping our family through a difficult time
- I believe HQ provides an important service to patients/family and without this service we would all be wandering lost in a world of uncertainty and scared because of the unknown and wandering alone
- It has been difficult trying to navigate through what is on offer as far as assistance especially with regards to financial and full time care support. HQ has provided me great support and assistance with equipment but it has been difficult to get in-house support through Disability Services. Lack of understanding of HD and care required and far too slow to act

EARLY SIGNS RESEARCHED

Courier Mail May 5th 2014

MELBOURNE researchers are developing a way to detect the earliest signs of brain degeneration in people pre-disposed to Huntington's Disease.



In a three-year trial Monash University has studied the brains of 100 people to see if they can find a biomarker for the neurodegenerative disease up to 20 years before symptoms appear.

Neuroscientist Professor Gary Egan said research found changes in the white matter of the brain over time that helps to explain the different range of symptoms people develop, which range from cognitive decline to motor impairment and psychiatric problems.

"Our research has been able to explain one of the most puzzling aspects of the disease that even though there is a single gene that causes the disease it manifests in different ways and some people get worse faster than others," Prof Egan said.

He said there was no cure for the inherited condition.

For further information you can go to:

http://monash.edu/research/people/profiles/profile.html?sid=50886&pid=5477#summary_hidden



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Alternately you can return the slip on page 7 of this Newsletter and return to us with your donation – cheque, money order or credit card.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and we will send you a receipt for taxation purposes.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!

And so the end of the financial year rolls around once more.

Membership renewals are due July 1st 2014. We would greatly appreciate receiving your renewal as soon as possible.

New members are always very welcome too. If you have friends or neighbours looking for a worthy cause to support then please contact us on 3391 8833 or admin@huntingtonsqld.com for more information or a Membership Form.

Many thanks from all at HQ!



CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM BEECHAM HOLDEN CABOOLTURE

In 2010 Chris Beecham of Beecham Holden at Caboolture initiated a program for QBE Insurance to make a charitable donation to Huntingtons Queensland by way of CTP on first time registered vehicles sold through Beecham Holden. Since 2010 the Association has received over \$12,000 in donations from QBE.

We offer our ongoing thanks and gratitude to Chris, his son Lockie and all the team at Beecham Holden.

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Our Mission is:

To provide professional support and advocacy for all persons affected by Huntington's Disease in Queensland.

Our Services Include:

- Providing individual and family support
- Facilitating the HD Day Centre Program
- Facilitating support group meetings
- Recreational activities for families with young children
- Organising respite holidays
- Providing information to families and health professionals
- Distributing a regular Newsletter
- Co-ordinating the annual HD Awareness activities
- Fundraising activities

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| ➤ Senior Welfare Officer | Christine Fox |
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