

Lights, Camera, Action

Rehab launches new Brain Injury Services DVD



*Pictured left: At a recent launch of the DVD *Rehab Services for People with an Acquired Brain Injury* at Quest Brain Injury Services in Galway were Noel Brett, CEO of the Road Safety Authority and Shona King, Residential Services Manager, RehabCare. The DVD showcases the individualised programmes and specialised services that Rehab has developed for people with an acquired brain injury across its divisions in Ireland, Scotland and England.*

T O MARK NATIONAL BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK IN March, Rehab's brain injury services in the west of Ireland held the first official screening of the DVD, *Rehab Services for People with an Acquired Brain Injury* in its Quest service in Galway.

Rehab provides specialised services to people with an acquired brain injury through National Learning Network's Quest Brain Injury Services and through RehabCare's residential, day, transitional living and outreach services. Funded by the Health Service Executive, Rehab's range of services provide practical and social supports to people with an acquired brain injury, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

According to Shona King, Residential Services Manager, RehabCare, an acquired brain injury includes any injury to the brain that occurs as a result of an accident, assault, tumour, stroke or a viral infection.

"People with a brain injury can experience a wide range of consequences, including loss of co-ordination, poor memory, and poor organisational skills. It's important to recognise that every person's brain injury is unique and Rehab's brain injury services work with each individual,

their families and carers, to provide the supports that they require to live their life as they wish and to assist them in achieving their goals."

Shona King continues, "Filmed in 2008 at Rehab's brain injury services in Ireland and in the UK, the DVD showcases the programmes and services that Rehab has developed for people with an acquired brain injury. These include education, training and community-based programmes such as residential, day and transitional living services, along with 24-hour nursing care.

"In addition to featuring contributions from members of Rehab's team of psychologists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social care workers and nurses, the new DVD also includes interviews with people who are living with an acquired brain injury, enabling others, who may have recently experienced a brain injury themselves, to gain invaluable insights." ■

Limited copies of the DVD are available from:
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There's No Place Like Home

Residents get keys to their own front door as The Chaseley Trust establishes a new independent living community in Eastbourne.



THE CHASELEY TRUST, WHICH provides residential, respite and day care for people with severe physical disabilities saw a long-held dream come closer to fruition when contracts for bungalows in a brand new development in Eastbourne were signed last March. Residents are in the process of moving into the first five bungalows.

Over the last year, Chaseley has collaborated with local developers, Hanover Homes, to design and build 12 new bungalows, which form part of a semi-independent living community comprising detached and semi-detached properties as well as a permanent nursing and care station.

Residents will benefit from round-the-clock support where needed, whilst being afforded a higher degree of independence than which they had previously enjoyed. Personal assistants will deliver care and support for

daily living activities under the supervision of skilled and experienced registered nurses.

The bungalows have been built and fitted out to a high specification and are entirely accessible, with a bright, modern feel. There is scope for further adaptation if required for residents following assessment by Chaseley's occupational therapist. The development is situated in a residential area of Eastbourne with level access to nearby shops. The reaction from residents has been very positive and Chaseley has an option to purchase the remaining seven bungalows if required.

The move to these bungalows is the result of significant work from all of the staff at Chaseley and, at a wider level, Rehab Group in the UK.

In keeping with the remit of The Chaseley Trust, priority for admission to the bungalows will be given to ex-service personnel, although others with disabilities can also be considered.

Sue Wyatt, Chief Executive of The Chaseley Trust, said, "The occupation of these first available bungalows marks a proud day for us all and reinforces our commitment to providing top quality care for people with severe physical disabilities, while respecting their choices, dignity, individuality and privacy." ■

