

Hazelwell residents get iPad tutorials



The residents of a Wirral care home have proven 'you're never too old to learn how to use an iPad' after taking part in technology tutorial sessions.

The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, have started hosting one-to-one sessions with residents which involves teaching them how to use the various features and functions of a tablet.

A recent National Office of Statistics report stated only 4 in every 10 adults aged over 75 are regular internet users, so staff at The Hazelwell were keen to address the issue with some free lessons.

The sessions are designed to be relaxed and fun and aim to show the residents what benefits an iPad can bring to their day-to-day lives, such as watching films and favourite TV programmes, playing music, and browsing the internet.

Many of the residents are now using iPads to look at photos of their families and loved ones and to remember happy times from throughout their lives.

One resident said: "I'm glad I've learned how to use an iPad. I didn't think I'd be able to do it, but it's so easy to use and you can do so much with it."

The Hazelwell's care home manager Kathryn McGuinness said: "We are so pleased to be supporting our residents in learning new skills and, being able to use a tablet opens the door to so many useful features.

"Our residents are loving learning to use the iPads and a couple are now looking to purchase their own. Rather than flicking through old photo albums or reading newspapers, they are happy swiping through their pictures on the tablets and tapping on the internet to keep up with the latest news. Some of our residents have even started shopping online!"

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