

## **Hospital discharge service celebrates 25 years of helping older people**

The hospital discharge service operated by Age Concern Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan is this year celebrating 25 years of providing support to vulnerable older people waiting to be discharged from hospitals across the area.

This publicly funded service has a vital role in helping older people settle safely into their home following a stay in hospital. During the last 5 years alone, a total of 23,863 visits have been made to older people across Cardiff & the Vale following hospital treatment.

In a recent customer satisfaction survey one client commented "The hospital discharge service is a wonderful help to those who may live alone and have nobody to depend on".

Cardiff was one of the first cities in the UK to develop a structured hospital discharge service thanks mainly to the work of the late Professor John Pathy, widely known as the doyen of geriatric medicine in south Wales, and the current Chief Executive of Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales, Robert Taylor.

Their pioneering work laid the foundation for much of the collaborative work that now takes place between the health, social and voluntary services in the area.

Age Concern Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan's Liz Davies, said: "This service has been a fantastic success and I would like to thank every member of staff, past and current, for their effort and also our supporters who have given generous donations to allow us to continue to make a real difference in the lives of thousands of older people throughout the area."

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