

## Press Release

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### **Caring nurses inspire £5k donation to local Hospice**

Tynedale Hospice at Home has received a £5,000 donation from maritime insurer The North of England P&I Association thanks to a staff member whose family experienced its nursing care services.

North P&I - who are based on The Quayside in Newcastle - has an active Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme and makes annual donations of around **£100,000** to worthwhile causes through a staff suggestion scheme. Staff nominate charitable organisations who are close to their hearts and often support such organisations year on year.

Mari Stewart, a projects and development executive at North P&I, nominated Tynedale Hospice at Home for a donation following her mum's experience of its nursing care services in 2016.

Mari said: "The reason I nominated Tynedale Hospice is really quite simple. Tynedale Hospice at Home enabled my Mum to die at home as she wished. She died in May 2016 of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and in the last 24 hours of her amazing life the Hospice was there for her and our family. This enabled her to die in her own bed with my Dad at her side and the wonderful nurses managed her passing peacefully and with dignity. The kindness and professionalism of the nurses we met was overwhelming and they made this awful time more bearable.

"When it came to nominating a worthy cause - there was no doubt in my mind that Tynedale Hospice at Home would be my suggestion. They make such a difference to families who need hospice care and support."

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Kim Heaselden, senior communications executive at North P&I, said: “We are very proud of our commitment to supporting local charities and there is never a shortage of suggestions from staff about who should benefit. However, Mari’s nomination really struck a chord with the CSR Committee. The passion of her application and the obvious difference Tynedale Hospice at Home made to her family at what was a very difficult time stood out amongst the many suggestions we receive. We are delighted to have been able to support a charity that makes such a difference to the lives of local people.”

Laura Elliott, fundraising manager at Tynedale Hospice at Home, said: “We can’t thank North P&I enough for this generous donation and we are so grateful to Mari for nominating us. It costs over £700,000 a year to run our services, of which 90% must be raised through voluntary giving and charitable donations.

“This donation will make a real difference to people who need our services - £20 will pay for an hour of nursing care, and a £5,000 donation could fund an amazing 250 hours of care.”

Tynedale Hospice at Home provides nursing care in the home, Family Support and Hospital Transport Services to people living in the areas of West Northumberland, Tynedale and Ponteland.

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## **NOTES TO THE EDITOR**

### **About Tynedale Hospice at Home**

Tynedale Hospice at Home is a Company Limited by Guarantee, and a registered charity. Established in 1993.

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The aim of Tynedale Hospice at Home is to enhance the development and delivery of high quality end of life and palliative care in the local community.

Tynedale Hospice at Home provides professionally led, palliative and end of life home nursing services, delivered by experienced nurses and trained healthcare support workers.

It provides pre and post bereavement adult and children's support services with qualified staff and trained volunteers.

Tynedale Hospice at Home's transport service drives patients to and from hospital appointments using volunteer drivers and their own vehicles.

Tynedale Hospice at Home was awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2015.

It leases three premises in Hexham, with a shop in Ponteland. The operation of the shops are supported by over 80 volunteers.

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