

# HFHC!

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**SUMMER FUN...**  
*exclusive pictures from HFHC's annual BBQ!*

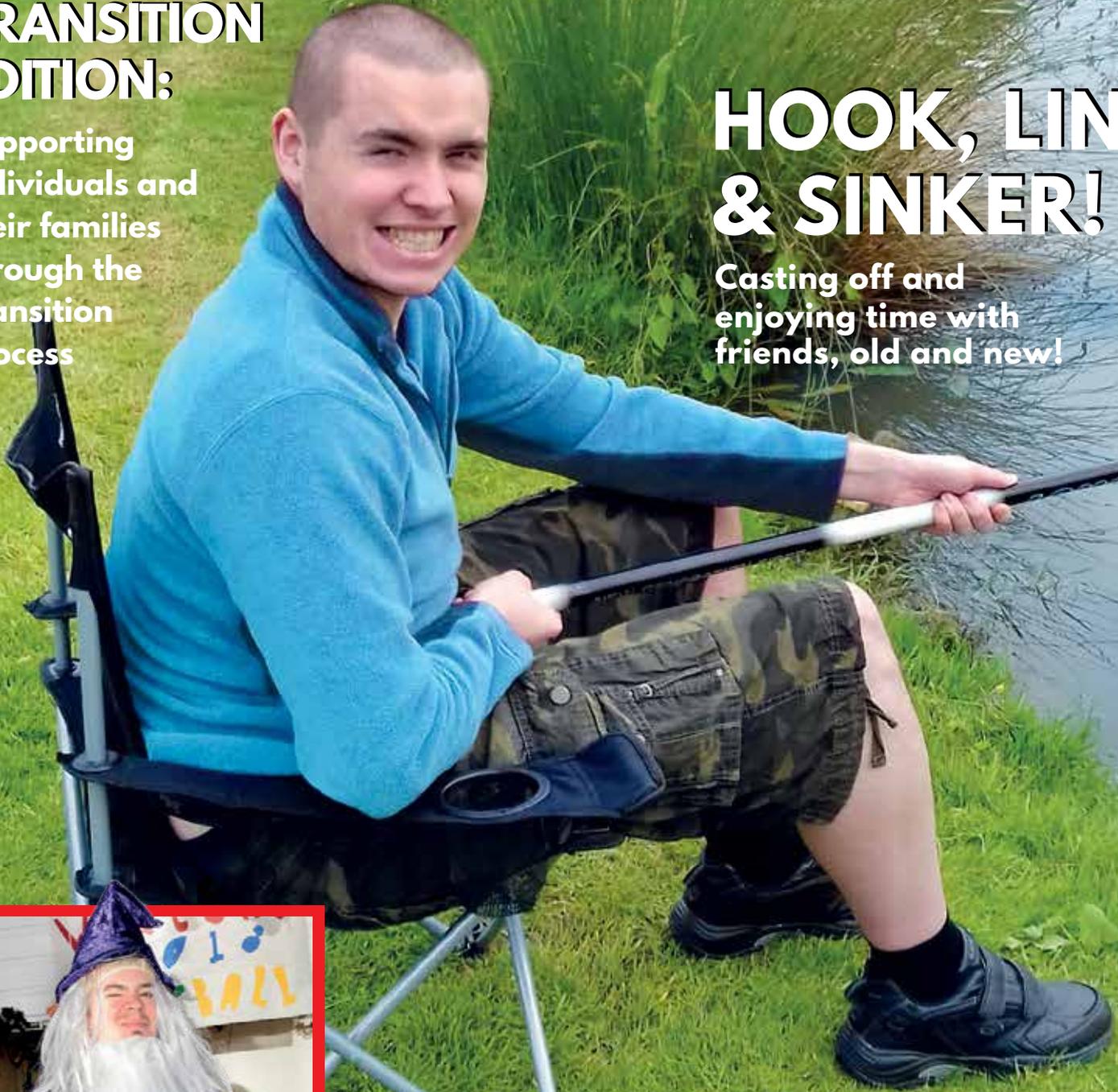


## TRANSITION EDITION:

Supporting  
individuals and  
their families  
through the  
Transition  
Process

## HOOK, LINE & SINKER!

Casting off and  
enjoying time with  
friends, old and new!



**EXCLUSIVE: It's a wizarding night at the HFHC Harry Potter Ball!**



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# an HFHC transition...

## A Dedicated Team

Home From Home Care have highly experienced staff who carry out assessments and support the transition process. The Continuous Assessment Team are there not just at the beginning of the journey but throughout – planning adaptations to the environment, providing support, inputting into the support plans and integrating new staff members into the team to support the individual.

*"The impact of the team cannot be emphasised enough in terms of the real difference this makes on individuals coming into our services. By combining this with all the other specialist input provided by HFHC, this builds truly outstanding support."*  
Assessments Manager



## Building Trust

Transition into an adult service brings a lot of change. The team aims to minimise stress for the individual by building up trust over the necessary number of visits, so when it's time to move to their new environment they have a familiar support base. During the settling in period the Transition Team provide on the floor training and mentoring to ensure staff adapt their skills to effectively support the individual.

*"As a family we are bowled over by the approach staff have with our daughter, allowing her to have full independence but there for her when they feel the need is right. Even at this early stage the trust our daughter has with the staff is remarkable."*  
Parent, The Brambles



### Why Our Approach Is Unique

Our assessments are truly personalised - we think outside of the box about how to support someone, with a view to facilitating the least restrictive option.

Each individual is unique and their transition reflects this in all aspects including timescales, visits, building relationships, overnight stays and the final move-in date.



## Transition Without Boundaries

Individuals are often expected to just fit in with what is already there. Not at HFHC, where everyone is seen as an individual. We start with a blank piece of paper and create a bespoke plan around the needs of each individual.

*"We focus on making sure that an individual can have as much freedom as possible and the best living environment we can give them, so they can build skills and have experiences which may have been impossible previously."*  
Senior Continuous Assessment Partner



## Creating the Right Environment

*"Our homes reflect our strong belief and experience that individuals respond to a warm and homely atmosphere. We create a personal space for each individual – somewhere that is truly theirs and, combined with the best possible care and support, they can lead a fulfilled life with a bright future."* Paul de Savary

Personalisation is at the heart of every transition. For an individual's living environment, this doesn't just mean a different paint colour - rooms are stripped back and redesigned to suit an individual's needs. HFHC thoughtfully adapts living spaces, using creative solutions and technology to promote independence. These may include app controlled appliances to empower an individual to be able to do more for themselves or a self-contained garden area to ensure an individual can spend time outdoors safely, as and when they choose.



*We truly value the excellent work and care the staff are putting in, making sure our son has a fulfilling life and we can see how happy he is when we come to visit and on every Skype call we do.*  
A Parent

## How are parents involved?

Parents are really involved in transition. They are often the experts on their child and have a lot to teach us.

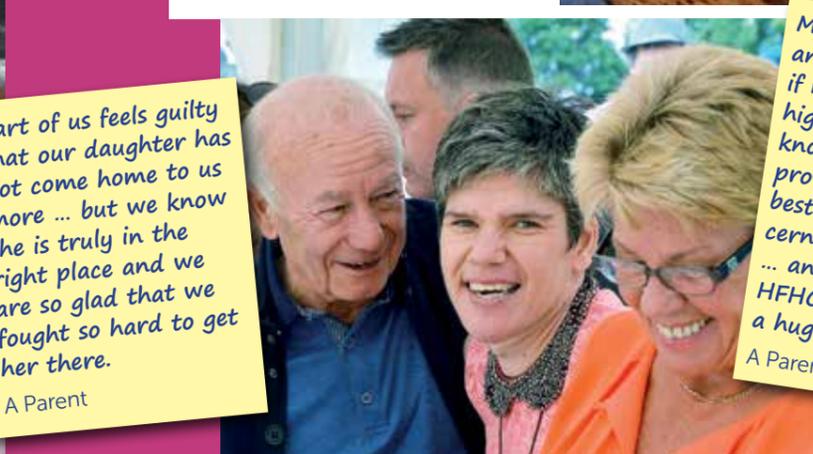
To ensure a smooth transition, the Assessment Team will work closely with the individual's family, school and other stakeholders in the individual's life.

*We have to accept that our children are adults now, they will gain independence and may do new things that really surprise us. A fresh start in a new environment with really effective support can really open up opportunities.*  
A Parent

*Part of us feels guilty that our daughter has not come home to us more ... but we know she is truly in the right place and we are so glad that we fought so hard to get her there.*  
A Parent

*My daughter is so settled in <her home> and the care she receives is extremely, highly to everyone I know, and who knows my daughter, about HFHC. You provide the most wonderful service, the best in the country as far as I'm concerned. I am so happy that I met you ... and pursued her placement within HFHC. Keep up your brilliant work, and a huge thank you for creating HFHC.*  
A Parent

*Each and every time we speak or see a member of staff they are so accommodating and welcoming and it truly shows that this is a home from home.*  
A Parent





## GONE FISHING...

### DISCOVERING A NEW ACTIVITY WITH NEW FRIENDS!

Throughout the summer individuals from across Home From Home Care have been getting hooked on a new activity – fishing! Regular fishing workshops have provided a great opportunity for individuals to enjoy being outdoors, build friendships and learn new skills. Hobbies are important to us all. By working creatively, staff provide new opportunities for individuals to enjoy these 'everyday' activities which many of us take for granted.



## WIZARDING TIMES...

### ...AT HFHC's MAY BALL!

The 2018 May Ball was a magical event, with a Harry Potter theme chosen by Our Voices, the self-advocacy group for the individuals that we support. From party planning, making decorations, creating competitions and even helping out at the event - all the individuals had the opportunity to be involved.

With decorations made at Day Opportunities workshops as well as at the homes, the venue was transformed into a magical setting. With the support and enthusiasm of their staff teams, individuals also created fantastic and imaginative costumes - transforming themselves into their favourite characters.

Everyone enjoyed the party on their own terms, with some individuals choosing to support setting up but leaving before the crowds arrived and others making use of the party quiet area to watch Harry Potter films and interact with smaller groups.



*Individuals from OUR VOICES chose to have competitions for best costume, best dancing and best wand - the winners were delighted with their prizes!*



## FUN IN THE SUN...

### ...HFHC's SUMMER BBQ!

The sun was shining throughout this year's HFHC Summer BBQ, with over 250 people coming together to celebrate. A fantastic afternoon of fun and games was enjoyed by individuals from across Home From Home Care, together with their friends, families and staff.

Everyone tried their hand at the traditional carnival games, learning circus skills, jumping on the bouncy castle and taking aim at a giant inflatable dart board. Our Voices also hosted a special stand this year selling their crafts and artwork to visitors – their first step towards a bricks and mortar store.

A visit from the ice cream van proved a welcome treat in the heat, whilst others cooled down with a turn in the stocks!

