

Dementia Virtual Tour brings reality to Ashbrooke Care Home

Ashbrooke Care Home hosted the Dementia Virtual Tour bus on Wednesday the 8th of March 2017 in the grounds of the care home, the first visit to Northern Ireland of this interactive bus. The event was hosted in conjunction with the Western Health and Social Care Trust, with staff from other care homes and health professionals in the Trust invited. Four sessions were held and guests got the opportunity to experience the reality of what it is like to have dementia. Food and refreshments were provided by Ashbrooke Care Home to everyone who attended and the new Red Rose Café was a hive of activity.

Ciara Cochrane the Manager of Ashbrooke on greeting visitors to the care home stated “it is a pleasure to host this event. It is important for us all to understand how dementia impacts on the lives of people affected, and equally it is important that we understand this, so that we can provide compassionate, safe and effective care”. John Rafferty, the Northern Ireland Director of Operations for Runwood Homes visited the event and congratulated the team in Ashbrooke for hosting the event. He said that “it is important for us all to remember that the world of anyone who has dementia changes, therefore we as professionals have to ensure that respect and the protection of the individual’s dignity is central to all we do”