

Lifesaving defibrillator installed at Cheltenham retirement community

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Following a successful fundraising event, the team at Radis Community Care, who provide the onsite care and support at Sanctuary Supported Living's Middleton House, have fundraised enough money to purchase a brand-new lifesaving defibrillator for the service.



Radis Community Care provides around the clock care for the residents of Middleton House in Cheltenham, which is owned and run by Sanctuary Supported Living. With 49 flats, the retirement service boasts much more than just care, but an entirely unique and bespoke service to each and every person.

In a bid to raise sufficient funds for the new equipment, Radis hosted a fundraiser at Middleton House. The event was also the perfect opportunity for people to learn more about a career in care, as well as the services available within the local area.

From local business stalls, a raffle, a Creature Feature Experience as well as food and various activities for the whole family to enjoy, the day was a huge success.

Getta Sutton, Radis' service manager at Middleton House said, "The event was magnificent and we've been blown away with the amount of positive feedback we've received since. Residents, family members and even neighbours have continued to talk about the feeling of fun, buzz and excitement of the day, describing it as the perfect lift to end the year."

Getta also went on to explain that it isn't just the residents that could benefit from having a defibrillator at Middleton House.

She said, "We regularly have neighbours and the residents' family members visiting our restaurant and surroundings, and having such lifesaving equipment to hand could serve both our clients and the local community. It's something we're incredibly proud of."

Rachel Brooks-O'Dell, Regional Manager at Radis Community Care, explained that Radis' priority is ensuring that clients are able to remain independent.

She said, "We're thrilled to have been able to have a defibrillator installed at one of our extra care services. We hope it's never used, but it's reassuring to know that it's there should it be needed."

Tracey Milligan, Sanctuary Supported Living's Retirement Communities Manager for Middleton House, said, "We are delighted with the new defibrillator at our service, thanks to everyone's wonderful fundraising efforts.

"We were pleased to be able to support with the installation of the device, which is a great addition to the safety and wellbeing of our residents and the local community. This is a testament to the strong partnership between Sanctuary Supported Living and Radis Community Care, who both strive to provide high-quality care and support to older people."

