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The People's Health Trust awards Dementia UK £60,000 to establish a new Admiral Nurse in Kent

Dementia UK are very pleased to announce that the People's Health Trust has awarded **Dementia UK £60,000** to fund a new Admiral Nurse post in Kent. This new specialist dementia nurse post will be established in partnership with the Avante Partnership.

Using money raised through the local Health Lottery, the People's Health Trust - the independent charity responsible for administering the money raised - awards grants to local good causes and projects that help create healthier environments and communities.

Jacqui Wharrad, **Dementia UK** Pioneer for the South East, who was presented with the cheque, says:

"As well as the distress felt by the person with dementia - which can affect anyone from any background and of any age - the impact on family carers and loved ones is immense. Admiral Nurses provide a lifeline to all those affected by this complex and distressing condition.

Admiral Nurses are specially trained dementia nurses who provide essential support and practical advice to family carers. We are delighted to be awarded this grant from the People's Health Trust as we are now able to establish a new Admiral Nurse post in Kent in partnership with Avante Partnership.

We are very much looking forward to working with Avante Partnership to bring this specialist support to more families affected by dementia in Kent. This partnership also means that we'll be able to share best practice, skills and knowledge with more health and social care professionals."

Richard Macintyre, Operations Manager, Practice Development at Avante Partnership says:

"This is a marvellous opportunity to work in partnership with Dementia UK to provide an Admiral Nurse to support our carers and service-users"

The process of establishing the new Admiral Nurse post will begin immediately.

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Photos and interviews and quotes are available on request

Notes to the Editor:

1. Dementia UK is the national charity that is committed to supporting families affected by dementia. It provides and supports Admiral Nurses, Admiral Nursing DIRECT, Uniting Carers – a national network of carers of people with dementia – and provides accredited and affordable training via Dementia UK Training. All initial enquiries to 020 7874 7200

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2. The national helpline and email service Admiral Nursing DIRECT is provided by experienced and specialist Admiral Nurses and is for family and professional carers, people with dementia and those worried about their memory. Call 0845 257 9406 or email direct@dementiauk.org

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