

Ark acquires London care business

Specialist home care company Ark Home Healthcare has acquired part of Anchor Trust and has taken over the running of its care teams in Croydon, Merton, Wandsworth, Camden, Kingston, Chelsea and Westminster. In addition to the acquisition, Ark is looking to expand its operations in the Greater London area creating a further 100 jobs .

In early September 2011 Ark reached agreement to acquire the home care division of Anchor Trust – England’s largest not-for-profit housing and home care provider for older people for an undisclosed sum. As a result of this agreement Ark took over Anchor’s home care operation, based in Covent Garden on 27th September. Ark has also acquired Anchor’s home care operations in Leeds, Halifax and Wakefield in the past few weeks.

All 180 existing Covent Garden-based Anchor care staff have transferred directly to Ark ensuring complete continuity of care for its customers.

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Whilst we are thrilled to be expanding our services throughout the city, our main priority is to ensure there is absolutely no disruption to those currently being cared for.

Initially our customers and their families will see very little difference – the same carers will be visiting at the same time on the usual days but as time passes we hope they will begin to appreciate the benefits of the improved resources and investment Ark is bringing.

By employing more nurses and carers, we will be able to offer our services to more people, not just to older people but to those of all ages requiring intensive help at home and we will be able to offer these services further afield too.

Jackie Grant
– Operations Director

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Since its formation in June 2010 Ark’s highly experienced management team – led by former Allied Healthcare managing director Mark Lavery and Care UK Community Care Services finance and commercial director Roy Hastings – has implemented comprehensive quality, training and recruitment strategies across its operations. It has also invested significantly in new business administration technologies.

Ark’s primary aims are to bring the very highest standards in care, and innovation in service delivery, to the UK home care market. Having completed and successfully integrated five previous acquisitions, Ark is looking to identify further similar businesses requiring financial and highly experienced management support to enhance their already high standards.

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Ark and Anchor have worked closely to ensure the smooth transition of operations both for our customers and staff and we are confident that Ark’s investment will enable the services to thrive.

Andrew Railton – Anchor’s
Head of Transitions

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Notes to editors

- Ark's London office is at 2nd Floor, 25 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9ES
- Ark's head office is at 6th Floor, 54 Baker Street, London, W1U 7BU
- Ark also has regional offices in Leeds, Wakefield and Halifax
- Ark currently has 3,000 private and local authority clients and employs 1,000 carers and 100 office staff
- Ark's management team has extensive care sector expertise: chief executive officer Mark Lavery was previously managing director of Claimar Care and prior to that Allied Healthcare; chief financial officer Roy Hastings was finance and commercial director at Care UK Community Care Services prior to joining Ark and operations director Jackie Grant, a qualified nurse, was managing director at Graham Homecare – the South East franchise of Carewatch
- Anchor Trust has 50,000 customers, 1,000 business units and employs 10,000 staff.

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