

I know that Dad is in a safe place that feels like home

That is according to Orlagh, the daughter of Joe Meegan who has Dementia and Parkinsons and has lived in Castleross Nursing Home since January 2019.

Joe Meegan worked as a carpenter and lived in Edmonton Canada in the 1950s. However, in his own words 'he is a Carrick man born and bred' so returned home. In later years Joe developed Parkinsons and managed very well by himself at home. However, after a diagnosis of Dementia his health deteriorated so he required 24-hour care. In consultation with Joe, the family decided that nursing home care would be the best option for him. They knew that Castleross Nursing Home in Carrickmacross specialised in Dementia care and had heard really positive reports about the care given there. The family were very happy when they were able to secure a place for Joe in Castleross in January 2019.

Orlagh Meegan-Gallagher, Joe's Daughter said, "I feel that dad is in a safe place and is extremely well looked after. Before Covid restrictions on visiting I enjoyed regular visits to Castleross and I just love the home from home feel. I would often bring in photos to go through with Dad to reminisce on the past, as with his Dementia I feel this is good for him".

When asked how her Dad Joe and the family had coped during the visiting restrictions in Nursing Homes as a result of Covid19, Orlagh said "It was difficult not being able to visit, but I will be eternally grateful to the staff in Castleross Nursing Home for how they have looked after Dad. We were always kept informed of his care and I always knew what was going on, and



Joe Meegan celebrating his birthday in Castleross Nursing Home with his daughter Orlagh before visiting restrictions were in place.

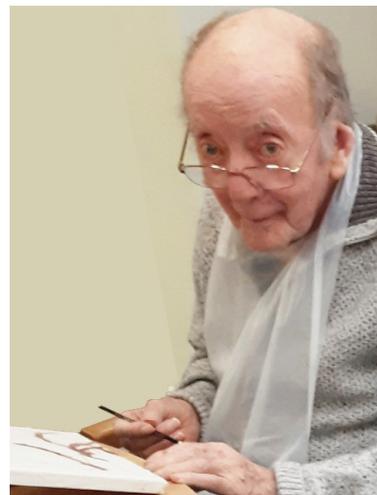
the loveliest of all is receiving photos and videos of Dad by WhatsApp from the Castleross Staff".

Orlagh concluded by saying that she loves the person centered approach to care in Castleross which means that their Dad has choice in his life, just like at home. She said that they loved the fact that Joe has his own room with his own personal things around him – so it feels like home.

'Making the Most of Every Day' is the philosophy here in Castleross Nursing Home

Marie Clarke is the Person in Charge in Castleross Nursing Home and she said, "As no two people living with Dementia have the same experience, here at Castleross we strive to get to know our residents on a personal level and incorporate their interests into daily life. The staff in Castleross have undertaken specialised training in Dementia Care, therefore, providing the best possible care to your loved one. At Castleross we feel Dementia is just the beginning of another journey and our residents can thrive through enjoyment of new experiences and meeting new friends".

Marie concluded by saying, "Maintaining a sense of independence is important to our residents, which is why our 'Household Model of Care'



Joe loves Art and enjoys the Arts Programme in Castleross Nursing Home. He painted a lovely cottage on canvass that he is so proud of.

has such a positive impact on their health and wellbeing. We encourage and support a wide range of activities that cater to the individual interests of residents, including card games, baking, arts & crafts, exercise programs and gardening".



Marie Clarke, Person in Charge, Castleross Nursing Home.

Castleross Nursing Home provide a range of care services including Long Term Care, Convalescence / Respite Care and also offer Specialist Alzheimer's & Dementia Care.

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