



## **Learning Disability Service in Norfolk supports community PPE initiative**



(27<sup>th</sup> April 2020) Challenging times call for innovative solutions and one care worker from a Learning Disability service in Norfolk has joined local community schemes to ensure staff at her service have a plentiful supply of protective visors.

Katrina Nobbs is a team leader working at Ambient's Long Road service in Norfolk, which provides supported living services to people with learning disabilities. When she came across a post on a local Facebook page about a local high school that had been 3D printing protective visors- she immediately got in touch to ask if they were selling the visors, and if so, for how much.



The school confirmed she only need pay for the cost of materials and Katrina has taken delivery of 30 visors.

Katrina spotted a further post from local resident Paul Ashford and owner of a 3D printer himself who has now made 4 for Katrina at no cost at all.

Katrina now has a full supply for her team and has shared the other visors for use in other Ambient schemes in the Norfolk area.

Katrina says: We all know the importance of protective wear in social care settings and the visors are a fantastic resource to be able to have on site, keeping both us safe and those we are caring for. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful children and staff at the school and to Paul for making this happen."

This is an incredible story of a community coming together to find solutions. Who'd have known only a few weeks ago that the local school's 3D printers would be contributing to saving lives, caring for the vulnerable and helping to protect frontline workers.

Find out more details here about the services provided by Ambient in Norfolk here [www.ambient.org.uk](http://www.ambient.org.uk)



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- They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in our society. Operating in over 140 locations, they provide over 30 thousand hours of care to people on a weekly basis to support a range of needs due to the ageing process, learning disability or mental illness
- Their wide range of quality specialist services are delivered by dedicated, professional, and passionate staff and their success is built on supporting people to live a full and meaningful life.
- Ambient currently employs around 1,400 people across the UK in a number of settings
- Ambient can also help young adults who are transitioning from Children's to Adult Learning Disability Services
- The Charity has an above industry average with 88% Registered Services rated as GOOD by CQC.