**Ambient Launches £30K Assistive Technology Grant to Improve Lives**

***(April 2023)* Ambient Support, one of the top 20 generic Not-For-Profit Health & Social Care Providers in the UK, has set aside a £30,000 grant fund from its own monies as part of a new initiative to help increase independence and choice for the people supported in their services, through use of assisted technology.**

Recognising the potentially positive impact that access to such technologies has, Ambient services and the staff in them are invited to apply for a grant of up to £5,000 which could be spent on devices, hardware, and software.

Lee Hodgson, Chief Information Officer, says:

***‘IT and technology sit at the heart of our agenda and this very generous fund provided by Ambient Support will help improve outcomes for many of the people we support. We hope to see measurable positive benefits across services, whether devices are put in place to help those with dementia, sight impairment, Dyslexia, or other disabilities and needs. The application process is very straightforward, and we welcome all Ambient services and the teams within them to apply.”***

An incredible range of devices will be accessible to Ambient services through this fund including screen readers or dictation software, text to speech software, adaptive keyboards, braille displays, screen magnifiers as well as mobility aids, walkers, and wheelchairs.

Mark Milton, CEO, says:

***“Ambient Support is a vibrant, progressive, and evolving charity and this grant embraces technological innovation and drives it forward.*** ***Digital technology plays a key role in Ambient’s future and will help to improve the quality of services available for the people we support.”***

The Assistive Technology Grant Fund is now open and available until 31 March 2024.

To find out more about Ambient visit [www.ambient.org.uk](http://www.ambient.org.uk) or [@ambient support](https://twitter.com/ambientsupport)

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**Notes to Editors:**

**About Ambient Support:**[www.ambient.org.uk](http://www.ambient.org.uk/)  @ambientsupport

* Ambient Support is one of the Top 20 generic Not-For-Profit Health & Social Care Providers in the UK
* They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in society
* Operating in 110+ 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
* **Ambient is certified as a Great Place to Work**following an in-depth survey of staff in October 2022. Survey findings showed that**84%** said they felt they made a difference and were proud of what they accomplished. Whilst almost **90%** said they are treated fairly, regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation. Similarly, **83%** of employees said that when they joined Ambient, they were made to feel welcome
* Ambient’s 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
* Latest results from Ambient Support’s 2022- People We Support Satisfaction Survey show:
**82% believe that Ambient supports them to live their life in the way they want to and 85% say we have helped make their lives better since support them.**​ **A total of 82% of people would tell others that they like Ambient**
* Ambient currently supports around 950+ people across the UK in a number of care settings
* Ambient can also help young adults who are transitioning from Children’s to Adult Learning Disability Services
* **85.5% of CQC registered locations rated Good or Outstanding**
* Ambient Support partners with EasyFundraising which allows people to turn their everyday online shopping purchases into donation funds for the charity, without costing extra money. Find out more [HERE](https://www.ambient.org.uk/ambient-on-easyfundraising/) and visit Ambient’s EasyFundraising link [HERE](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ambient-support/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl)