



Cornerstone SDS

# Newsletter

## Winter 2025

Hello,

From everyone in the SDS Team, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The following is an update on the team, information for your PAs and a fundraising update.

### Changes to the team

This year we have welcomed Mariia Voronstova as SDS Finance Officer/Payroll, Laura McIntosh as SDS Finance Officer and Sophie Anderson as Recruitment and Training Co-Ordinator.

### Blue Light Card now available to Personal Assistants in Scotland

In addition to free membership of the Personal Assistant Network Scotland, there is now an option to join PANS Plus, which grants access to a Blue Light Card.

With PANS Plus, for the subsidised price of £35 for a two-year membership, or £20 for 1 year, PAs can access exclusive discounts and benefits via the Blue Light Card. [Introducing PANS Plus – PA Network Scotland](#)

### New dedicated PVG application email address for Personal Assistants

Disclosure Scotland has recently announced that Personal Assistants and their employers can now contact a dedicated email address for support with the PVG application process.

You should use the following email address, with 'Personal Assistant' in the subject line so that these enquiries can be prioritised appropriately:

[DS.CS@disclosurescotland.gov.scot](mailto:DS.CS@disclosurescotland.gov.scot)

### Citizen's Advice Drop In

We will be holding drop in sessions with Citizen's Advice in our Inverurie office in the New Year. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

## Update on Fundraising for SDS

The SDS Kilted Striders — Denise, Ligita, Mandy & Lynn (Mandy's sister) — strutted their stuff at the Kiltwalk last Sunday - covering just over 18 miles — and what a day it was!

From soaking up the sunshine to getting absolutely drenched in torrential rain, we powered through and still had a brilliant time.

Thanks to your amazing support and generous donations, we raised an incredible £940 for a fantastic cause!



## Merry Christmas from Cornerstone SDS

To spread a little Christmas cheer this festive season we decided to give something back to our clients to thank them for their support over the past year. After drawing names a random, we were able to deliver gifts to a number of recipients. This was made possible by the kind donations received for our Kilted Striders, tickets purchased for our Summer Raffle and to our Cornerstone Aberdeen colleague, Gillian Murphy, who abseiled from the Falkirk Wheel and very generously donated a huge £670 to Cornerstone SDS. Pictured below is one of our lucky winners with SDS Advisor, Mandy.



On behalf of Cornerstone SDS, we would like to thank you for the support over the last year and wish you all a very Happy New Year.