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## ORAN HOMECARE, CUPAR, ANNOUNCED AS WINNER AT SCOTTISH CARE AWARDS 2020

The team at Oran Homecare has been recognised as some of the leading homecare employees in Scotland at a prestigious evening awards ceremony celebrating the contribution of homecare staff before and during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Oran Homecare won the **Technology and People** category at the Scottish Care Awards 2020. This award, sponsored by HRM Homecare, recognise those with a particular commitment to embedding the positive use and development of technology in the care and support of individuals in their own home or housing with support environment.

Oran Homecare was announced as the winner of the **Technology and People Award** at an online Awards Ceremony hosted by presenter, columnist and Pop Idol winner, Michelle McManus on 9 October.

They were delighted to have been recognised and said: *"We are very surprised but thrilled and honoured to be chosen as a winner in these prestigious awards."*

**Audrey McFarlane, the Director of Oran Homecare**, said:

*"Oran Homecare is passionate about the benefits that harnessing the benefits of digital tools and skills can bring. Utilising the advantages of digital innovation is one of our key organisational goals, a demonstration of our understanding of how technology can have a positive impact on the care sector."*

*We firmly believe that digital tools have given us the opportunity to make a positive difference and fundamentally reshape the way our service operates, improving the experience of both the people we support and our staff."*

*New technology is supporting effective decision making, improving service quality, enabling the efficient flow of information and the efficiency of Oran Homecare."*

**Dr Donald Macaskill, the CEO of Scottish Care** said:

*"The homecare sector is one that is often ignored and rarely recognised, this has been especially true during the Covid-19 pandemic."*

*There are more people cared for and supported in our communities than in our care homes and hospitals combined. They are being supported to play their part as full citizens of their communities. It is a care and support that gives them independence and freedom, meaning and purpose, contribution and value.*

*The Care at Home and Housing Support Awards was therefore an important opportunity to recognise best practice and all the excellent work within the sector. It was an opportunity to say thank you and express our gratitude to all the individuals who make up the homecare workforce.*

*This year we received a record number of award nominations, which really highlights the large amount of quality work undertaken within this sector. We were honoured to hear the remarkable stories of the outstanding individuals and teams from across the country. Their professionalism and dedication are truly the backbone of the care at home and housing support sector. All our finalists and winners deserve to be recognised, huge congratulations and thank you once again."*

The awards have been hailed a huge success in recognising individuals, teams and companies, who are delivering care at an incredibly high standard in an era of challenging budgets and within an increasingly demanding work environment.

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*Notes for Editors*

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