

Crowdfunder campaign aims to help people with dementia and MS

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With massive amounts of money funding the NHS to beat the coronavirus versus plummeting tax revenues caused by the lockdown, it is inevitable that national government and local authorities will find it difficult to fund social care in future.

One way of significantly reducing social care costs is to allow vulnerable people with Alzheimer's, other dementias, multiple sclerosis and other memory impeding conditions (such as brain injury) to stay in their own homes and be independent for as long as possible.

Scottish-based assistive technology firm Jordan Shaw Ltd has designed an innovative solution. The Hob Angel® is a highly practical safety device which reduces the risk of fires, smoke inhalation and hospitalisation through automatically turning off power to the hob if an audible alarm is not acknowledged after the cooker has been on for a certain period of time. It's easy to use and can be automatic or manually controlled through an app which is fantastic for carers who are assisting from afar.

The aim of the Hob Angel unit is to make it easier for older people and those with degenerative illnesses to maintain their independence. Last year, care home fees rose by 5%, marking the biggest jump in a decade. Today, the average cost of a residential home is £651 per week, or £33,852 per year.

Jordan Shaw Founder, Cathy Gladwin, who is also the brains behind Hob Angel said: "Hob Angel is a necessary device if we are to facilitate a future of independent home living.

"This isn't just important for older and vulnerable people; it's important for our local services, too. We need to take action and we need to work to minimise the massive burden on our fabulous NHS and fire brigade services. Hob Angel is a major driver towards this goal.

"With this crowdfunding campaign we aim to donate the Hob Angel free of charge to more than 2000 homes."

By providing vulnerable people with the tools they need to remain independent, Jordan Shaw hopes to take some of the pressure off local authorities, and potentially help them to save millions each and every year.

For more information on the Hob Angel and how to donate, go to: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hob-angel.

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