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## Lloyds Banking Group Colleagues in Scotland Volunteer 1,500 Working Hours to Support Local Charity

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As part of its commitment to volunteering, Lloyds Banking Group colleagues across Scotland have supported Edinburgh-based charity Waverley Care with over 1,500 working hours in the last two years.

The latest volunteering day took place on Friday 14 November and saw members of the Group's Scottish Executive Committee (SEC) visiting the charity to explore ways to develop its strategy and reach more people.

A day to make a difference

Members of the SEC shared skills and insights with Scotland's leading HIV and Hepatitis C charity, discussing elements of their strategy including positioning within the sector, external communications and organisational structure.

Philip Grant, Chairman of the Scottish Executive Committee, Lloyds Banking Groupsaid: "Waverley Care offers vital support to people with HIV and Hepatitis. It is an organisation with a committed and professional workforce and we were all impressed and humbled to learn more about its great work and to give some of our insight and support which will hopefully deliver lasting benefits.

"Lloyds Banking Group is committed to bringing communities closer together across Scotland and a big part of that is delivered through colleague volunteering. We have set a target of reaching 2.3million paid volunteering hours across the UK by 2020. This will be achieved by working with organisations such as Waverly Care that support and transform lives across Scotland."

Years of volunteering support

The relationship between Waverley Care and Lloyds Banking Group is one that dates back over seven years. The charity has been supported by the bank on projects ranging from gardening to fundraising and marketing to change management.

Grant Sugden, Chief Executive of Waverley Care said: "We are so grateful to colleagues from Lloyds Banking Group for their continued volunteering support. Spending the day with the Scottish Executive Committee was such a fantastic learning opportunity for us. We'd like to thank them for giving up their time to share their skills and expertise with Waverley Care. Their insights will help us make an even bigger difference in the future to people affected by HIV and Hepatitis C in Scotland."

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