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Dear Emmie

Powys County Council is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign which aims to reduce the incidence and impact of back pain and upper limb disorders caused or made worse by work and to reduce the number of working days lost to these causes.

We have set ourselves the following goals with view to tackling back pain and upper limb disorders in our work place:

- Avoid the need for hazardous manual handling.***
- Assess the risk of injury from any hazardous manual handling where unavoidable.***
- Reduce the risk of injury from hazardous manual handling activities through the use of aids/equipment.***
- Ensure consistantancy of training throughout the council by applying the All Wales Passport Scheme as minimum standard.***

We plan to achieve our goals by taking the following actions:

- Raise awareness and introduce training in Manual Handling Risk Assessments.***
- Consult and involve the workforce in highlighting risks and practical solutions.***
- Highlight HSE Regulations such as L.O.L.E.R. etc.***
- Training delivered in-house on an annular basis.***

Powys County Council is committed to working with HSE and the Local Authorities on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

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