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Dear Emmie

**East Devon District 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 a view to tackling back pain and upper limb disorders in our work place:

- **goal 1 – To reduce Manual Handling (MH) and wruld accidents**
- **goal 2 – To encourage managers to complete MH risk assessments**

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

- **action 1 - Provide MH training tailored to specific needs**
- **action 2 – Provide MH training for all seasonal employees, i.e. cleansing/parks and gardens**
- **action 3 – Audit Services to confirm risk assessments for MH are being completed**
- **action 4 – Provide refresher training for managers on risk assessment**

**East Devon District 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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