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Dementia training for law firm team



The wills, trusts and probate team at Band Hatton Button, who recently underwent training at the Belgrade Theatre to become Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society initiative

STAFF from a Coventry law firm have signed up to support an initiative that helps people with dementia.

Eight colleagues from Band Hatton Button's wills, trusts and probate team recently underwent training at the Belgrade Theatre to become Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society initiative.

This training allows people to understand more

about what it is like to live with dementia, which has a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language.

According to the Alzheimer's Society about 850,000 people in the UK are currently living with some form of dementia.

Michelle Gavin, head of the wills, trusts and probate

team at Band Hatton Button, believes the training was critically important for her department.

She said: "We are involved in helping people make important decisions about their wealth and estates on a day-to-day basis, so this training, which we found hugely insightful, will be invaluable to us."

"As a team we cover all aspects of estate planning

with Court of Protection work and Lasting Powers of Attorney being particularly of interest when people's mental capacity is a concern, or people are planning for the future.

"More and more people are becoming affected by dementia, so we decided to find out more about what we can do in our day jobs and personal time to make a difference to those affected.

"The whole team, solicitors and secretaries, have become Dementia Friends, and our reception team will also become Dementia Friends in the near future.

"Our team is committed to turning this understanding of dementia into action by spreading the word about Dementia Friends, and encouraging people to think about what would happen if they were diagnosed."

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