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Innovative Housing and Care Specialist Appoints New Chair

HOUSING and care expert Blackwood has appointed a new Chair who has praised its integrated approach to transforming the lives of people with disabilities.

Max Brown, 40, from Sussex, has 12 years of experience working in health and social care and first joined the Edinburgh-based organisation as a member five years ago.

His new role will see him drive forward and build on the exceptional work that Blackwood has undertaken since it was founded over 40 years ago - using pioneering technology to help those with disabilities to live independently.

He said: "The opportunity to play such an important role with such a unique housing and care provider is something I can't wait to take on.

"It's definitely an inspiring time to be a part of the organisation as we continue to revolutionise the sector by embracing new and innovative technologies to meet customers' changing needs.

"I hope to see sustained growth as we build on these successes and continue to showcase the impact that an integrated approach to care, housing and healthcare can have."

Max brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Blackwood, having worked with the Government and Audit Scotland as well as across local Scottish health boards.

The upcoming launch of a collection of six highly innovative, accessible homes in Dundee is the first major milestone Max will reach in his tenure.

Supported by the Scottish Government, this development will be the first to showcase the visionary 'Blackwood House' which will set a new standard of supported living by combining technology and modern construction.

Max added: "We always strive to be at the forefront of the latest innovations, and bringing these accessible and affordable homes to Dundee will allow us to continue to improve and enhance the lives of those we work with.

"I first joined Blackwood as I was attracted to its drive to give people the right tools to improve their independence. I've learned an enormous amount in my time here so far and feel that I've got a huge amount more to contribute as we go forward into this new chapter."

Fanchea Kelly, Chief Executive of Blackwood, said: "I'd like to congratulate Max as he takes another step with us and plays an even greater role in our organisation.

"I have no doubt that his enthusiasm and experience will prove incredibly valuable as he moves into this new position and continues his hard work to help us shape our future."

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Notes to Editor

Edinburgh-based charity, Blackwood, has more than 1500 homes throughout the country making it a leader in helping those who are disabled, elderly or with sensory impairments to live more independently.

As it works in 29 of Scotland's 32 local authorities, it is more widely dispersed than most other care or housing providers and has embraced the challenges of taking housing and care into innovative areas at a time when funding is increasingly limited.

Blackwood is also renowned for constantly pushing the boundaries of technology to allow property adaptations which make a huge difference to people with disabilities.

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