EXCITING TIMES AHEAD……WE ARE GROWING

Due to the phenomenal success of the CI Five Counties Support Group since January 2017, I am pleased to announce we are growing further and as a result have changed our name!

We are a voluntary group that has offered and continues to offer support to cochlear implant (CI) users and candidates who reside in Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. We are now extending this support into:

**LONDON and Northampton**

Our name has changed to: **CI High Five (UK) Support Group**

What Support is Available?

**Facebook Group (Closed)** - People new to the world of cochlear implants (CI), progressing on the CI journey or who already wear a CI can chat, gain support and help others. Often new candidates have no idea where to turn to for support? This is the place to be! They can be assured members of this group will help and support them through their journey and beyond! It’s amazing what can be learned from others and how much support is available from people who have ‘been there’ themselves and can share experiences etc. The group is fun too! What better way to learn about cochlear implants than by talking to those who wear them!?!?!?

This is a very friendly, informal and supportive group catering for all brands of cochlear implants, Advanced Bionics, Cochlear and Med-El.

On Facebook search for: CI High Five (UK) Share the news!

**CI Socials** - To build on the amazing success of our CI socials throughout 2017, more events are planned for the remainder of this year with a full schedule for 2018 including London and Northampton locations.

The next CI social is scheduled for Saturday, 2nd September 2017 in Oxford.

The social events are informal and friendly with people that understand about profound hearing loss and the challenges it presents so there is no need to worry or be stressed about struggling to hear at the event. Whatever stage of the process, people understand and are supportive.

Venues have minimal/no background noise (music) to aid better hearing and also will be close to transport links e.g. train and bus stations plus car parking facilities.

Partners, parents of CI children and friends and family of CI users or candidates are also invited. We welcome people with a wide variety of backgrounds – whether you are born deaf, late deafened, sign, don’t sign or a bit of both.

If you are interested in joining and being part of this supportive, caring and informative group then you can join the Facebook group or send an email to the address below and you will be added to a distribution group that will send out information on forthcoming CI events in a timely manner.

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