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SZANSA I WSPARCIE

Social Cooperative „Szansa i Wsparcie” (Opportunity & Support)

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Social Cooperative „Szansa i Wsparcie”

Cooperative has been created by unemployed women, that were given a special training and as a result gained a new profession of hospital attendant.





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This course was organized according to the guidelines of Polish Health Department.

The training included: 80 hours of theoretical classes, 160 hours of practical classes and 6 months long internship as a hospital attendant.

The training ended with both theoretical and practical exams.



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Women who passed these exams were given special certificates, confirming their qualifications for becoming a hospital attendant.





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- Currently there are 13 women employed in the cooperative,
 - 6 from them have elementary education,
 - 8 are above 40 years old,
 - 8 have been unemployed in the long-term.



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- The core source of cooperative's incomes is providing services of hospital attendants (services of the auxiliary medical workers)
- customers of the services provided can be medical health care institutions (e.g. hospitals)
- The first customer of the cooperative's services is the Central Clinic Hospital in Katowice (agreement from 26th October 2007)



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The role of hospital attendants are:

- to provide comfort for patients
- to avoid patients from getting chafes and bedsores
- to change patients' bed clothes and underwear





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They are also
responsible for:

- checking patients' basic life parameters (pulse, body temperature, blood pressure)
- transporting medications and dressing materials
- transporting biological material





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The Cooperative is also involved in additional activities. One of such is taking part in the project called „Let's go together – the programme of physical activation and social reintegration of the people with Parkinson i Alzheimer diseases”





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As a result of participation in this undertaking, the attendants were looking after of aged people suffering from Alzheimer’s disease during Nordic Walking meetings.





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Social Cooperative future plans:

- Running further projects (e.g. in cooperation with Silesian Association for People with Parkinson's Disease) connected with healthcare promotion
- taking active part in activities in a field of providing support for jobless people.



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