

Establishing a Care Association for Norfolk

Through the consultation to shape a Care Association for Norfolk (2018-2019), you told us the most important role for a Care Association was to give a voice to independent providers of adult social care.

The full consultation outcomes can be found at:

www.norfolkcareassociationconsultation.com/consultation.

This briefing is to give you an update on our progress.

Since May 2019, an Interim Board (IB), drawn from the original consultation Executive Steering Group, has been meeting regularly to look at how a Care Association should be organised so that it can most effectively:

- engage with social care and health commissioners in the Norfolk and Waveney area in discussions on the cost of care, new policies and guidance, and the standardisation of systems and procedures that affect social care providers;
- provide a forum for those working in social care to meet and share good practice.

The work has included developing models of consultation and representation and submitting funding proposals to Norfolk County Council

The Interim Board has also met regularly with colleagues at Norfolk County Council including James Bullion, the Director for Adult Social Services to look at some early joint ventures. These include the development of a Workforce Strategy for Independent Providers of Adult Social Care and research into the current and potential use of technology in residential care and housing with care, in Norfolk.

Interim Board members are:

- Norfolk Independent Care (NIC) – Sanjay Kaushal
- Association Representing Mental health Care (ARMC) – Michael Millage
- Norfolk and Suffolk Care Support Ltd (N&SCS) – Christine Futter
- Community Action Norfolk (CAN) – Jonathan Clemo
- Voluntary Norfolk (VN) – Kevin Vaughan/Maria Plumb

Dr Fiona Denny, who co-ordinated the original care association consultation, is the Project Officer.

We will keep in touch with further updates on progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions feel free to contact Fiona Denny at fiona.denny@norfolkcareassociation.org