

## Establishing a Care Association for Norfolk

Since May 2019, an Interim Board (IB) for the Norfolk Care Association (NCA) 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.

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

This report is to give an update on our work. The headlines are:

- A meeting of the new NCA Liaison Group has been arranged for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This will be the first joint meeting of commissioners and the NCA Interim Board. The intention is to establish a pattern of quarterly meetings which will be preceded by conversations with the social care providers to ensure that agendas are relevant to, and informed by, the sector.
- Recruitment for the post of Chief Executive to the Care Association will begin in the New Year with interviews being held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Dereham. The interview process will be in two parts and we are seeking volunteers for a Stakeholder Panel. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr Fiona Denny at [fiona.denny@norfolkcareassociation.org](mailto:fiona.denny@norfolkcareassociation.org)
- The Interim Board is working with Norfolk County Council to develop a Workforce Strategy for Social Care. This will align with other workforce strategies such as the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Health and Care Workforce Strategy but focus explicitly on the challenges facing social care. A first draft will be available for discussion next year.

We will keep in touch with further updates on progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions feel free to contact our Project Officer, Fiona Denny.