

## **Intention to Form the Kent Integrated Care Alliance**

On Monday June 30th 2014, at a combined meeting of the KMCA / KCHA / KCCA Boards, the Directors and Board members present unanimously confirmed their commitment to establishing and formalising a new alliance, for Adult Care Service Providers in Kent. The proposed name of the organisation is the Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KICA).

The rationale for establishing KICA is to ensure that independent providers have a necessary degree of influence and leverage with the local authority, CCG's and Health and Wellbeing Boards, as well as retaining links with local voluntary agencies and national agencies and organisations. In order to be sustainable in the transformed social care market, in which public authorities will be commissioning services from prime contractors, SME's will need to demonstrate that they are focused on and can achieve the outcomes that will be required and determined by commissioners, prime contractors, families and individual service users. These outcome based services and products will need to be not only safe and compliant with regulations, but also financially viable, capable of attracting investment, responsive and adaptable to changing market conditions and customer needs, and personalised. In anticipation of this step change, the KCHA, KCCA and KMCA are combining to maximising their potential in a new organisation, the KICA, that can represent independent and voluntary service providers within this emergent and challenging operating environment. The objectives of the KICA are to:

- Represent the interests of all (both SME's and corporate, private and voluntary) service providers and not only those contracted with KCC.
- Integrate, maintain benefits and operate on behalf of the membership of the Kent Trade Associations.
- Ensure representation of service providers on strategic regional (KCC Stakeholder and Locality Health & Wellbeing Boards) and national bodies and associations.
- Have a robust and effective business and operational plan aligned with local (CCG localities) services, supply and support networks (including partnership arrangements with voluntary organisations).
- Offer a programme of development and improvement with services and benefits to its membership that will enable them to meet national statutory and regulatory requirements, local and health authority contractual compliance and ensure best practice in the care and support they provide to service users and their families.

In order to implement the KICA, of the following arrangements were agreed:

- The KICA will be registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee with 3 Directors.
- The KICA will incorporate the membership of the KCCA and KCHA and allow for the dissolution of the KMCA.
- The KICA will have a Board of Directors to include: the 3 Directors registered with Companies House and a further 10 (maximum) nominated Directors representing the range of interests within the membership of the KICA, 3 of whom will hold the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Implementation will be achieved through a phased project plan to be completed by August 2015.

## Implementation Plan

Activity	End Date	By Whom	£ 15k (TBC)
Seek legal advice from Brachers on KICA structure, registration and implications for constitutions of KCHA / KCCA	21.07.14	AT & KP	
Establish feasibility of KICA Office at Ashford House		KP	
Establish November Conference Working Group		SG	
Draft and distribute statement and implementation plans to form KICA and wind up KMCA to membership of KMCA / KCCA / KCHA	28.07.14	AA	
Draft Rebranding Brief / Tender			
Announcement on KMCA Website	04.08.14	AA / CYBERKIX	
Shut down and transfer to KICA Website with links to KCCA / KCHA site	11.08.14		
Inform and engage with KCC / Health Trusts / Corporate Providers / Voluntary Agencies	31.08.14		
Register KICA and Directors with Companies House Open KICA Bank Account Nominate KICA Board of Directors to 31.08.15	01.09.14	AT /KP	
Wind up KMCA	01.09.14	AT / KP	
<b>KICA Board</b> Establish roles & responsibilities of Board members Agree KICA Business & Operational Plan 2014/15 Re-branding contract agreed Establish Awards Working Group	03.09.14		
<b>Conference / Launch Event</b> Nominations for Board Launch of KICA Awards Event	10.11.14		
<b>KICA Awards Event</b>	31.03.15		
KICA / KCHA / KCCA Membership Alignment	31.08.15		