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Screen your way to better health for people with a Learning Disability

Update from Suffolk & North-East Essex ICB

The Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust learning disabilities and autism liaison nurses have been working with Framfield Surgery in Woodbridge who were concerned about the low attendance (below 30%) for cervical and breast screening of patients with a learning disability with the aim of increasing attendance. All five forms of screening were included Cervical, Breast, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Bowel and Diabetic eye screening and the project would be rolled out across Ipswich and east and west Suffolk.

Resources have been co-produced that resembles a dashboard and contains eligibility criteria and contact details. Easy read leaflets and Frequently Asked Questions have also been co-produced and are available to download.

The resources are now available on the [Suffolk Ordinary Lives website](#) and will be shared with health and care colleagues, care providers, family carer networks, voluntary organisations, day services, educational establishments and through social media.

Domiciliary Dementia Care Survey

Information provided by University of Kent

The University of Kent is undertaking a survey into domiciliary dementia care. The aim of the research is to develop technology that matches care preferences and needs of people living with dementia & their care partners with the services on offer from care providers. Researchers are also aiming to make the experience of professional caregiving better for those providing domiciliary care.

Please see link below to the survey: https://universityofkent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9MIzUxvneU1MgDc

Nominations Now Open for the Suffolk Care Awards 2025

Information provided by Care Development East

Nominations are now officially open for the Suffolk Care Awards 2025, offering an opportunity to celebrate the exceptional individuals and teams making a real difference in care across the county.

Now in its ninth year, the Suffolk Care Awards highlight the dedication, compassion, and excellence shown by those working in the social care sector. Whether it's a colleague, team, or service that goes above and beyond, this is the chance to ensure their efforts are recognised and appreciated.

The nomination process is simple and open to anyone wishing to put forward a deserving individual or group. Nominations must be submitted by **22nd June 2025**.

To submit a nomination, visit: <https://caredevelopmenteast.co.uk/suffolk-care-awards/care-awards-2025-nomination-form>

Publication of the Suffolk Care Market Strategy (CMS) 2025-2030

Update from ASC

We are pleased to share that following endorsement by Cabinet last week, ASC have published the Suffolk Care Market Strategy on our SCC website via [Suffolk care market - Suffolk County Council](#).

This is a five-year strategy, setting out our ambitions in ASC for the Suffolk care market, including our approach to market shaping, and how we will support the care market to meet the needs of Suffolk residents.

For this purpose, the care market includes all providers of care and support to the residents of Suffolk, including the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector, and micro-enterprises. This includes providers who are not required to be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC), and those who do not currently work with the Council.

The Care Market Strategy is closely aligned to our ASC strategic ambition [People at the heart of Care](#), and broadly describes how we will work with the care market to respond to challenges (including future demography and an increase in people with higher additional needs), to achieve good outcomes for people.

These outcomes include:

- A focus on promoting and / or maintaining independence and wellbeing
- Better support for unpaid carers
- A skilled workforce
- Fully utilising technology at every opportunity
- More services for people with higher additional needs
- Different models of accommodation with support in the right locations
- Diverse and high-quality services
- Increased use of Individual Budgets
- Services which are affordable and a care market that is sustainable

We would strongly encourage you to familiarise yourself with the strategy. Our Service Development and Contracts team are currently finalising a Market Position Statement (MPS) which will shortly follow the CMS and be located on the same public-facing webpage. The MPS will provide a more detailed oversight of the care market for providers (including known gaps and opportunities), and metrics around key areas of performance, which will be tracked and updated annually. We will confirm once this is also available.

If you have any further questions, please contact your Contract Manager or ASCContractsHelpdesk@suffolk.gov.uk

International Recruitment East Bulletin 25

Update supplied by International Recruitment East

Please see this link: [International Recruitment East - Bulletin 25](#) from International Recruitment East is an update on what is happening in the region including information on the free resources available.